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I live and write in New Jersey and still wear my pea coat for the reasons I wore it 20 years ago, states **Bill Earls**, author of "Coat of Navy Blue," as well as a novel recently published by Dell.

Author **Phyllis Zauner**, who claims to be a cross-country skier of modest proficiency but great enthusiasm, extols the sport in "Silent Woods and Untracked Trails." Recommending it for everyone, she says, "If you can walk, you can ski."

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"Was Won and Poland Was Lost" is an internationally known author, lecturer and broadcaster on Poland's struggle for freedom and the Soviet threat to the West. Currently he is a consultant to the U.S. National Security Council and a National Director of the Polish-American Congress with special responsibilities for liaison work with the Solidarity movement in Poland. Nowak's book, "Courier From Warsaw," the full story of his hair-raising exploits while a courier for the Polish resistance movement during World War II, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

"Dueling: The Dying Art," was written

by **William E. Miles**, who has authored two books and numerous articles for newspapers and magazines.

Jay Stuller, a San Francisco free-lance writer, takes a look at the American penal system in his article "Putting Prisons To Work!"

E. S. "Ted" McCawley, Jr., whose "Let's Make A Safe Sport Safer," appears in this issue, specializes in hunting, fishing and camping articles.

Cover by **Sherry Brooks**: The Polish National Eagle is ensnared in the barbed wire of Communist domination.

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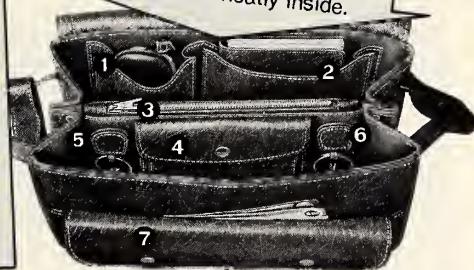
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Commander's Message

No Time For Excuses



Al Keller, Jr.

I was witness to two events in November that, in the first instance, left me proud to be a Legionnaire and, in the second, perplexed at the facts. That the two occurred on the heels of one another during a few short days in the month served only to heighten their contrast with each other. And because the two are on opposite ends of what I call The American Legion experience, I feel it imperative I share them with you as I experienced them.

The proudest moment of my life as a Legionnaire occurred at the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. It came as I stood before the hundreds of thousands of Vietnam veterans—their families and friends—who made their personal pilgrimages to the gently rolling Memorial site.

On behalf of The American Legion, I acknowledged their cheers and applause. It was as if the crowd spoke with one voice: "We know this Memorial might never have been built without those countless donations—big and small—from Legionnaires across the country," the voice seemed to say. "We know the fight for this Memorial—in the halls of Congress and against the project's detractors—could not have

been won without the commitment and determination of The American Legion."

It was as heartfelt, deeply moving and sincere a thank you as I have ever experienced. That it came from Vietnam veterans—many of whom had told me during the preceding week they were just discovering The American Legion's commitment to veterans—made it an especially gratifying thank you.

Like every other Legionnaire who'd attended the five-day National Salute to Vietnam Veterans, I left Washington with a sense of history having been made, of a nation's moral debt having been paid, and—most important—a generation of veterans having been shown, once and for all, irrefutably and without equivocation, that they have no finer, more loyal or hardworking friend than The American Legion.

Two days later, I learned that our membership turn-ins through November—traditionally a highly successful period—had, *for the first time*, failed to meet the Departments' goals! In fact, out of 58 Departments, less than half reached a figure representing an average of their last three years of membership turn-ins. That represents a steady decline that continues in this 1983 membership year. More importantly, if the trend is not reversed, Legion membership across the board will be sharply down.

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Those figures are a slap in the face to Legionnaires. And they came at absolutely the worst time for those who would rather channel their energies into making excuses than recruiting members.

In Washington, I saw compelling proof that at no time in this nation's recent history have veterans been more attuned to their rights, and the threat thereto, than today. I heard repeated, time and time again, words like patriotic

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Green Berets

- As a former member of the Green Berets, I was delighted to read Philip C. Clarke's "New Mission For A Special Breed" (November). Almost beyond belief is the dedication of the Special Forces soldier to his duties, country, comrades in arms and civilian populace of the country he is aiding. He never hesitates to place his own welfare last in order to help others. The American people can be truly proud of these men for they are, without question, "the best we have."

L.L. MORRIS
Richmond, Va.

- What a splendid presentation of the Green Berets. Reading this article I was turned on to the point that I wished I were young enough to enlist in and be accepted by such an outfit, but having been a daredevil in WWII, it's too late. Thank you for this inspiring article. Your magazine is superb.

JOSEPH C. ROMEO
Watervliet, Mich.

- Congratulations for this excellent article. As field first sergeant of the 305th Radio Broadcasting & Leaflet Bn., in 1954 I helped to train the Special Forces at Smoke Bomb Hill, Fort Bragg. The author tells it like it is.

ARNY MATANSKY
Chicago, Ill.

- I would like to add a small correction to the account of Dong Xoai. It wasn't the last chopper that 2nd Lt. Charles Q. Williams rode out, but was the last "scheduled" helicopter. A little while later I drove my gunship in and picked up one slightly wounded SF sergeant and two "nungs" who were treading water in a sea of Viet Cong. That was the last chopper out. Enough can never be said in praise of all the Green Berets in Vietnam. Most of their accomplishments went unreported because an "A" team didn't have a PR man. They don't need it. Happy 30th anniversary!

COL. BILL FRAKER
Poquoson, Va.

Gulf Stream

- As I have been fascinated all my life by rivers, I found Joseph Stocker's "Great Blue River In The Sea" (November) unusually interesting. Rivers are deter-

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mined. They don't quit. Some are dammed, but they continue to flow. When they reach a large hill or mountain, they go around it. When confronted by a high precipice, they go right over it, and pick up the pieces after they have fallen. Rarely are they able to go in a straight line, but they are willing to take thousands of detours. They seem to enjoy the obstacles and usually profit from every adventure. Successful people, as well as those temporarily disappointed, can learn much from observing the tiniest brooks, creeks and rivers, or from the beauty of the Gulf Stream, each equally determined to run an honest course. An exceptionally inspiring article!

SHELTON H. SHORT III
Richmond, Va.

• I enjoyed this article, but feel that my Uncle Matthew was shortchanged considering his contribution to the subject matter. Also, his last name was omitted when he was referred to as Matthew Fontaine. In addition to being a geographer, my great uncle was a hydrographer and his correct name was Matthew Fontaine Maury.

JOSEPH WALKER GARRETT
Greenville, Miss.

Underground Economy

- Jay Stuller's article "America's Booming Underground Economy" (October), demands comment by those who are crippled by this type of operation. You are not addressing the real problem, which is the destruction of legitimate professions. Further, you are glossing over and rationalizing the morality of this type of operation. Whether it's on or off the books, such economics is unhealthy for all Americans. I do not believe we should overlook the crook who goes underground to practice his greed. In these depressed times, when jobs are critical for the survival of families and for our country, let's view these crooks for the traitors to their country that they really are.

F. DALE BARRETT
Churubusco, Ind.

Iran

- This comment is in response to Ernest Cuneo's article "Iran: Arena Of World Struggle" (October). I refer to the statement "whoever controls the Persian Gulf controls the oil fields . . . whoever controls them, controls the industrial life of Western Europe and Japan; and as they go, so goes the United States."

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Letters

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This is a truism only by virtue of the United States allowing these free-loaders to get the resources at our expense. If other Western nations paid their fair share of the tab, I wouldn't mind the U.S. defense of their industrial life. We are tired of the United States bearing the brunt of adverse criticism while we are paying the bills with our hard-earned taxes.

BEDFORD C. KADDY, JR.
Hillsboro, N.H.

Valley Forge and The Fed

This letter concerns two articles in the December issue. In Lester Davids, "Christmas At Valley Forge," you did this country a signal service, bringing so vividly to your readers the story of courage and perseverance without which this nation would never have been born—and which we need today in full measure if we are to survive. With the other article, "The Supreme Court Of Money," by Alan D. Haas, you did this country a signal disservice, in my opinion, by fortifying the myth that the Federal Reserve System is a legitimate organization and that it is in any way contributing to the financial security of our nation. Incontrovertible documentation abounds, and is easily obtainable to the effect that the Federal Reserve Act of 1913, and subsequent related legislation, was and is absolutely unconstitutional in that, among other things, control of this nation's money was transferred from Congress to the Federal Reserve System, which is not federal, is not a reserve and is not a system, but is simply a private bank. If this is so, and it is, do you begin to see why this great nation is broke? Your magazine, which, in this same issue, blew the whistle so effectively on the Soviet pipeline power-grab, would be well-advised to do the same with the "Fed."

ALBERT J. BUSHONG
Rome, N.Y.

Mayflower

It was a delight to read Henry N. Ferguson's "Remembering The Mayflower" (November). When in the British Army in WWII and stationed close to Jordans, Buckinghamshire, I frequently attended the classical music occasions held in the Barn. Before this experience I had not had proof that the structure was indeed made from Mayflower wood.

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45-54	26,400	23,760	21,120	18,480	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	14,400	12,960	11,520	10,080	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	9,600	8,640	7,680	6,720	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
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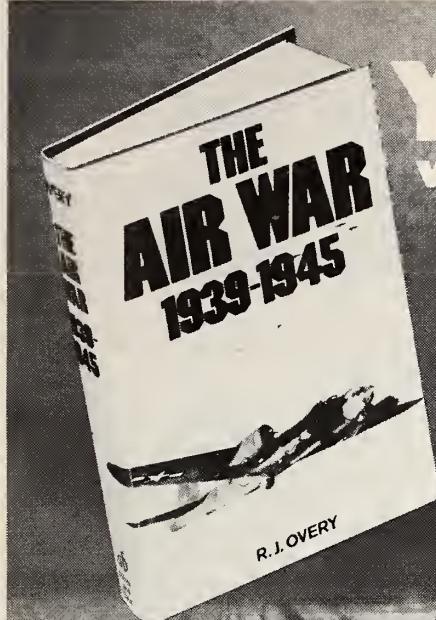
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Big Issues

Should Congress

Approve New Chemical Weapons?



*Sen. John
Warner,
R-Va.*

World War I taught the United States the importance of chemical weapons as a deterrent. Since then, three basic approaches have been adopted by the United States and our allies to prevent outbreaks of chemical warfare:

- (1) The pursuit of mutually verifiable, comprehensive arms control agreements designed to ban or constrain the use of toxic chemical agents;
- (2) Battlefield training and equipment for defensive measures, and
- (3) The maintenance of a credible retaliatory deterrent coupled with a commitment not to engage it in first use.

History has proven that only a balanced approach, embracing all three of these strategies, can be counted on to deter chemical warfare. I have joined others in Congress who support this program—including funding for production of binary munitions, the first new chemical weapons to be introduced into our arsenal since 1969.

These weapons, unlike the unitary munitions they would replace, consist of two, non-lethal components which, like epoxy glue, become effective only when mixed together. Binary munitions are far safer for both civilian populations living near battle areas and military personnel handling them, and they are more reliable as an effective retaliatory weapon against first-use offenders.

America's need to improve its chemical deterrent capability is clear:

- The Soviets have 106 plants producing or capable of producing war gasses.
- The Soviets provide chemical payloads for up to 50 percent of all Warsaw Pact missiles and bombs.
- The Soviet defensive capability is far more durable and dependable than that of the United States or its allies, and it includes highly efficient anti-chemical collection systems and readily available, proficient decontamination gear.
- The Red army is well-trained at all levels—from headquarters down to the foxhole—in all phases of chemical warfare.

Until mutually verifiable chemical disarmament agreements are negotiated and ratified, the United States must take whatever steps are necessary to deprive the Soviet Union of its advantages.

I commend the decisions to restore balance to our chemical warfare deterrence program by seeking to modernize our chemical weapons reserves with binary munitions.

As a nation, we owe no less to our men and women in uniform.

Yes. In the 20th century the world repeatedly has come face to face with the horrors of chemical warfare.

From its introduction on the battlefields of Europe in World War I, to its use by the Soviet Union and its client states in the Third World today, chemical weaponry has proven to be both anathema to civilized people and a tempting potent instrument of war.

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*Sen. Gary
Hart,
D-Colo.*

No. Congress's decision this year to defer funding of a new chemical weapons program—the biggest setback issued the administration's proposed defense budget—was as important as it was unusual. Approval of the program would have been much more than a reversal of a 12-year-old U.S. policy: it would have been a bad idea for several reasons.

First, the new weapons—known as binaries—could well be more dangerous to our NATO troops than to our potential adversaries. We have just begun to buy modern protective equipment for our troops, and the administration's budget actually decreases the amount we will spend on procuring defensive equipment. Further, we have barely begun to train our European-based troops to fight in a chemical environment. Until recently, only Soviet troops were organized into specialized chemical-biological-radiological units, and only Soviet troops engaged in realistic operational exercises. Also, our military hardware in Europe is woefully unsuited for battle in a chemical environment, while the Soviets' hardware is well-suited. For example, our new tank, the M-1, still lacks the chemical weapons warning device required by a provision in law that Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and I authored.

Second, binary weapons would have little value as a deterrent against a Soviet "first strike" because they would be difficult to deploy and would be unreliable.

Our European allies are extremely skeptical about deployment of the binaries on their soil, for many of the same reasons they opposed deployment of the neutron bomb. And if stored here, the binaries would have to compete with other airlift and sealift requirements during a crisis in order to be used abroad.

Further, the binaries are unreliable because they have never been field tested, and probably never will be. Untested weapons do not make strong deterrents. Existing stocks of chemical weapons deployed in the United States and abroad are an adequate deterrent against a Soviet first strike.

Third, binaries would be a diplomatic disaster because any attempt to deploy them in Europe would further divide an already troubled Atlantic alliance. The chemical weapons issue would hinder our efforts to rally NATO on many important issues—Poland, theater nuclear force modernization and the financial burden of defending Europe.

Finally, the resources binary development will require should be devoted to two more pressing matters: acquiring protective equipment for our troops, and disposing safely of 700,000 obsolete and defective chemical weapons stored at various facilities around the country. Some of these weapons, which must be stored along with our active stockpiles, date back to World War I. The Army has earmarked them for detoxification. But until we commit the resources necessary to do so, they will remain a potential domestic hazard.

In short, the binaries are expensive, dangerous, disruptive and unnecessary. We should not build them.

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News to Use

Economic Recovery In '83 Looks Slow

Don't expect miracles by way of economic recovery in 1983—at least not in the opening months. So say just about all the forecasters. This is how the situation shapes up as of now:

1) Inflation will remain moderate. Consumer prices, overall, shouldn't rise much over 6 percent—if that.

2) Unemployment will continue to be scary (hovering around 10 percent) one reason being hefty additions to the labor market.

3) Wage increases will average out to maybe 7 percent.

4) New housing starts, though, should take a welcome upturn (better than 1.3 million units) and mortgage rates—while high—will moderate some, as will the prices of homes in some areas.

Sidelight: If you have the means, this may be a good year to make major purchases because you'll still see a lot of sales and come-ons.

Financial "Know-how" Can Pay Dividends

More than ever, it's vital to sharpen your financial know-how this year. That's because, 1) interest rates have been dropping, 2) competition between banks and other financial institutions is boiling and 3) new investment and loan packages appear almost daily.

So it will pay you to read the financial pages of your paper carefully, including the financial ads (if your paper doesn't carry much financial news, your library will have publications that do). Also, check regularly with your bank and other advisors for developments.

In general you will find: If you're a borrower, interest rates are easing and money is more plentiful. But you still will have problems getting a major loan if you are in a modest income class or already carry a sizeable debt burden. As for renegotiating existing high-interest mortgages: It's possible, but bankers say unless the new rate is at least 3 percentage points below the old one it usually isn't worthwhile.

Meantime, if you're a saver, don't rashly rush for the highest interest rate. First ask yourself:

1. How long can I afford to tie up my money? As a rule of thumb, you normally get a higher return on a longer investment. But you also risk a penalty for cashing in early.

2. How safe are my savings? Some deposits are insured via the FDIC, some aren't. If they aren't, check out what the financial institution is going to do with your money.

3. How can I minimize income taxes? One way any working person can defer (though eventually not avoid) taxes is via an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or Keogh plan. But, of course, the money will be locked in for a long time. Another relatively new avenue: tax-exempt mutual funds (providing you have at least \$1,000 and your income-tax bracket warrants it). These pay either dividends or interest, depending on the fund you select.

Cruise Vacations Offer Fun And Value

Competition is heating up in the cruise business as more and more lines add more and more ships. Latest lures to attract passengers: packages that include air fare to and from ports; standby fares at reduced prices and special family fares.

A major reason for the growing popularity of cruises is that the price includes almost everything—meals (usually sumptuous), transportation and entertainment (but not tips, liquor, shore trips, etc.).

Some hints for beginners: Get a travel agent to sort out the various deals and assess the quality of the ship line; unless you want an extra-expensive suite, don't be too anxious about accommodations—the cheaper cabins are just about the same as the more expensive ones, and you won't be spending much waking time in them anyway; don't buy special clothes for "dress up" affairs—on most lines an acceptable coat and tie for the men and cocktail dresses for the ladies will suffice, though you can bring evening clothes if you like.

As for tips: You usually settle up in a lump sum at the end of the trip; the line will suggest how much (the range is about \$5 to \$8 per passenger per day, which, on a week's cruise, would add \$35 to \$50 to your fare).

By Edgar A. Grunwald

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Thwarting Theft of U.S. Secrets

The Soviet Union's incessant attempts to gain access to U.S. security-related strategic materials and technology have been curbed by "Operation Exodus," reports William von Raab, Commissioner of Customs. The program to thwart such illegal exports has accounted for the detention or seizure of more than 350 shipments, which were valued at some \$23 million.

Shipments detained to date for violations of U.S. export laws include: aircraft parts, communications equipment, computers and computer parts, electronic navigation systems, laser systems, military parts and equipment, and semiconductors.

In a recent case, airport customs inspectors intercepted a multispectral scanner—a secret camera—described by Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger as "indispensable to military air and satellite reconnaissance."

Export restrictions are being carried out "to ensure that we do not sell the Soviets the rope to hang us," Weinberger said.

Electronic Mail Snafu, Too

For those who see a solution through electronics to the U.S. Post Office's mounds of mail and problems of delivery, the House Committee on Government Operations says, in effect, perish the thought.

After looking into one of the latest innovations, the committee concluded that the price isn't right, the system can't pay for itself, it costs more than expected and it is hardly an "unqualified success."

The novel program, which the House Committee on Government Operations considered, Electronic-Computer Originated Mail, lets big mailers transmit the text of their letters over telephone lines to computers in 25 specially equipped post offices. On the receiving end, machines automatically print the letters, stuff them into envelopes and send them on their way as first-class mail, all for six cents more than the normal first-class, 20-cent stamp.

The House Committee not only takes a dim view of the validity of this electronic project, but after surveying the intricate technique, feels that the Postal Service should set up a separate organization to manage approved electronic mail services.

"Sensitive" Techniques Fight Crime

Unconventional means of investigation—such as the use of informants, electronic surveillance and undercover agents—are highly effective these days when sophisticated crime is on the rise, according to the FBI's director William H. Webster.

These "sensitive, sometimes intrusive" techniques, though not meant to replace the more traditional methods, are enabling enforcement agencies to reach far beyond the criminal on the street, to the masterminds behind some of the most nefarious operations—organized crime, espionage, terrorism and public corruption.

The bureau's director maintains that tight control is held over undercover agents and informants, as well as over wire-tapping. Administrative and judicial restrictions and checks guard against abuses.

Webster believes unconventional techniques are necessary to combat high impact crime, and that citizens must be willing to give up their privacy to a small degree, if the fight against crime is to be successful.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

IRS Paper Blizzard—"... The IRS accounts for more than half of the federal paperwork that buries the public annually." **Sen. William Roth, Jr., R-Del.**

Get Out And Prove It—"... My plea is for the business community to recognize and seize with both hands the opportunity offered by public disenchantment with interventionist economics to demonstrate the superiority of competitive, private-enterprise capitalism." **John Diebold**, president, Diebold Group, Inc.

Value Of Education—"Do we honestly expect to motivate young people to take school seriously when society reserves its highest monetary and social rewards for occupations in which education is not paramount and is often even unnecessary?" **Marvin Stone**, editor, U.S. News and World Report.

Soviets Likened To "Hotel Thieves!"—"The Soviets are like hotel thieves. They try every door until they find one unlocked, then slip in and steal the valuables." Former President **Jimmy Carter**.

Media Lashes Least Deserving—"Bad publicity in the U.S. press usually goes to the countries that least deserve it. Dictatorships are either closed to journalists, exercise censorship or induce journalists to practice self-censorship ..." **Walter Laqueur**, founding editor, Washington Quarterly.

Bridge Is Out—"College students are all wrapped up in video games and soap operas. You don't find them playing bridge the way they used to." **Leslie J. Racey**, chief executive, United States Playing Card Co.

Lonely Life Of Washington—"I don't think people realize what a lonely job this is. We're around people all the time, talking and slapping people on the back and going to meetings. You know, a member of Congress is the last person in the world you'd say is lonely. But it's really true. You can't make any friends in this town." **Rep. William M. Brodhead**, D-Mich.

Morality Is Back—"... I really believe that the old ethic of work being good and moral in its own right is going to come back. I've been watching young people recently and, while they enjoy knocking around, they go nuts if they're not working—that is, working at something that engages their interest and draws them on. I can also foresee law and order becoming respectable values again, with growing awareness that morality no longer is a priggish word." **William Barrett**, philosopher.

Ah, For An Old-Fashioned Tomato!—"Most vegetables now are grown with an eye toward shelf life rather than taste. It is very difficult to find a tomato that doesn't have the consistency of a billiard ball. It's a shame. It used to be if you heard a particularly windy politician you could fling a tomato at him . . ." **Calvin Trillin**, author.

They Want Democracy—"In virtually every country where there was a Communist dictatorship, including many countries in the Third World, I could not find one country where the people liked it. All of those countries share a unanimous desire to get rid of their Communist regimes. They want democracy . . ." **Eldridge Cleaver**, former Black Panther leader.

T.V. Is Dehumanizing Us—"In the whole world today it seems that our technological successes in communication have been self-defeating in learning or education. The more saturated we are with impressions, the more our senses become exhausted . . ." **S. Dillon Ripley**, secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

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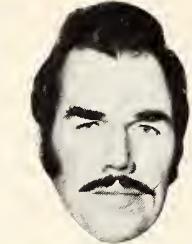
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Commander's Message

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tism, duty and honor—all words that have not only found their way back into Americans' vocabulary, but have also assumed broader and more credible definitions.

After the dedication of the Memorial, there is no one who can tell me the Vietnam veteran isn't a "joiner" or doesn't embrace the values espoused by The American Legion. How can I buy that excuse when I've watched them link arms in brotherhood and sing as soul-stirring a rendition of "God Bless America" as I've ever heard?

No one can tell me veterans of any of America's wars are not joining because of the per capita dues increase that occurred in January 1982. In my travels and talks with blue cap Legionnaires, I have not met a single person who can cite "the dues increase" as the reason they failed to recruit a member.

I contend that any loss in membership we've experienced has been caused—in reality—by pessimistic attitudes and an expectation of loss, both of which are based on false assumptions.

Last fall, during the Commanders and Adjutants' conference in Indianapolis, I presented what I felt were reasonable objectives for The American Legion to accomplish this membership year. Department Commanders and Adjutants then met to discuss those objectives and how best to implement action to accomplish them within their respective Departments.

After the dismal November membership figures were reported to me, I wrote to those Department Commanders where a particularly severe shortfall had been reported—some 21 in all—and told them that the failure to recruit members in appropriate numbers, "is a clear indication to me that many Department Commanders did not accept my objectives with the total seriousness in which they were presented, or else they failed to follow through on the commitment made when the objectives were adopted."

At the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, I witnessed a classic example of what happens when veterans band together for their mutual support and benefit. The Memorial that was "an impossible undertaking," sits on the Washington Mall, grandly refuting those who underestimated the determination of America's veterans.

Now I wonder why that same, traditional, single-mindedness of purpose isn't being applied to our own efforts to recruit members. In casting our lot with

those who sought a memorial to Vietnam veterans, we pledged our unwavering loyalty, our ceaseless hard work and the articulate, forceful voice of America's largest veterans organization. To keep that voice alive, I ask simply of each of you that same loyalty and hard work.

Our National Membership staff has further advised me that, if we are simply to hold our own in membership strength this year, we must recruit about 12 percent of each Department's target in new members. But even as Department targets are failing to be reached, a more threatening statistic indicates we are recruiting only 2 to 4 percent new members in most areas. That only indicates to me that some membership recruiters are engaged in nothing more than a self-fulfilling prophecy of failure.

During the dedication of the Memorial, I told the world that, "In the jungles and dusty deltas of Vietnam, our young soldiers stood together and cared for their wounded and their dead. If no other characteristic distinguished the Vietnam veteran, it was his unfaltering devotion to his comrades . . ."

Why must I, or any other Legionnaire, expect any less commitment or devotion from our fellow veterans and Legionnaires? We can't expect less from our members if we are to continue in our role as the best friend the American veteran has. And we can't get the job done that's expected of us if we don't aggressively demonstrate that commitment in the recruitment of members.

I have directed our National Membership staff to closely monitor membership figures at all levels of the Legion. Besides identifying Departments with distressing membership trends, they have also broken those statistics down into District figures. Accordingly, shortly after corresponding with Department Commanders, I personally sent letters to District Commanders whose membership is lagging. They, too, have been asked to reaffirm their commitment to The American Legion and their fellow Legionnaires.

I have corresponded with the Legion leadership, the men and women who have willingly assumed the mantle of responsibility. But they can't shoulder the entire burden. Membership recruiting is, first and foremost, a personal task. It is one member asking a veteran to join. It is one member explaining the advantages of membership to someone

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Silent Woods And Untracked Trails

Cross-country skiing just may be America's fastest growing sport



By Phyllis Zauner

"One of the favorite times in all my life was the day I spent skiing on the shores of Lake Superior. It was 10° below, there was no wind and no clouds and there was all sunshine and the creaking of snow beneath my skis, and it really felt so colossal just to be alive!"

That's no dedicated, long-time skier talking. It's a novice describing his first experience on Nordic "cross-country" skis.

If you haven't tried cross-country skiing yet, you're missing one of the greatest forms of outdoor recreation.

It's hard to beat that feeling you get cutting tracks through forests of snow-draped pines, gliding past half-frozen streams or skiing in the shadow of mountain ranges whose scenery is almost monotonously magnificent. On cross-country skis you're a natural part of the winter setting, completely in harmony with the land, not just an intruder from the great indoors.

Best of all, you're warm and comfortable even in sub-zero weather, exhilarated by the exercise.

Cross-country (XC) skiing is one of the fastest-growing winter sports in America, and there's little wonder why. Equipment is inexpensive (when compared to downhill), one lesson, if any, is all that's needed to start out, the whole family can do it together, you can do it any time of day, limited snow pack is required, and it is far less punishing on muscles and bones than jogging or downhill skiing. But, perhaps the biggest reason for the sport's growth is its accessibility. No longer are those long drives to the mountains necessary to find good skiing; a local park or nearby field will do just fine.

According to the U.S. Ski Association, in 1971 a mere 1,000 skiers were into cross-country; by 1981 the number had leaped to 4 million. And the majority of those recruits had been novice skiers.

One of the main allures for the kick-and-glide set is the sport's unhurried solitude. Many of the enthusiasts are defectors from assembly-line downhill ski lifts, who have come to enjoy the rhythmic, exhilarating exercise in country air where they can relax, unwind and get away from the throngs of hot doggers and snow bunnies.

Cross-country skiing can be as exciting as whitewater rafting for those who like challenging terrain. Skiing downhill in deep unbroken powder is proba-



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Snowshoe Thompson

Most remarkable of all cross-country skiers was the Norwegian, John "Snowshoe" Thompson, who brought skiing to this country.

In the 1860s, when the Comstock silver mine was at its peak, Thompson undertook delivery of mail from Sacramento, Calif., to Virginia City, Nev., on promise of a mail delivery contract. Wearing 10-foot skis and carrying a long balance pole in front of him, like a tightrope walker, he flew down mountain slopes with the ease of an eagle soaring.

He carried no blankets. He wore no overcoat. At nightfall, he fashioned pine boughs into a lean-to, huddled by a fire in a hollow tree log, or danced on a flat rock to keep from freezing. While on the move he would dip into a small packet of beef jerky and hardtack. Usually it took him three days for his 90-mile trip up the Sierra Nevada mountains, and two days to return downhill. His compass was the stars.

For nearly 20 years, this remarkable man made an incredible two-to-four round trips a month alone, in defiance of blizzard, avalanche and wild animals. He always set out on the day appointed, without regard to weather, often carrying up to 100 pounds. There were times, during the Civil War, when Thompson was the only link between California and the Union. In addition to mail delivery, he rescued sick and injured, carried food to snowbound families,

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bly the ultimate XC experience. When the powder rises in clouds around you, it's like being engulfed in a surfer's wave. For some, the thrill of the sport is racing, to explore the limits of their body's endurance and to pit themselves against the excellence of other skiers.

But the fact is, most tourers are simply family groups that strike out from their back door after a snowfall, or head for the nearest open space—unplowed roads, golf courses and frozen lakes all provide suitable paths. A Minnesota skier thinks the Midwest has the best of it. "Here we cross-country ski like Californians jog. Before and after work we get out and ski a few miles. You can ski tour just about everywhere here, you know. We've learned to enjoy winter, not merely endure it." Even in Chicago, office workers use their lunch hour to take a ski break in downtown Lincoln Park.

Still and all, not everyone wants to be a trailbreaker. Especially not at first. So: enter ski touring centers with mechanized grooming and track-setting equipment.

Skiing in unbroken snow on rolling terrain is as different from gliding over a perfectly set track as hiking on a rocky trail differs from riding a ten-speed bicycle on a well-paved country road. Each has its own rewards.

But for those who enjoy skiing with a sense of controlled speed, prepared tracks are something to try. For beginners, more intent on where their ski tips are heading than what their body is doing to move them forward, groomed tracks allow for concentration on balance and arm-and-leg coordination.

Ski touring centers are a relatively new development. In many cases the people who manage them are involved more for love of the sport and the lifestyle than for financial rewards. They are the sport's best salesmen because they invariably infect others with their enthusiasm.

Lately, regiments of "skinny ski" addicts have been attracted to a new form of the mania. A string of cross-country inns has started sprouting from Maine to California. These havens offer miles of groomed track, comfortable lodgings, instruction and equipment, saunas, wine sipping and hearty home-cooked meals—or, in some cases, lavish French cuisine. Weekends like that are not hard to take.

Picture yourself in this scene: A maple syrup farm on 300 rolling acres of

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By Jan Nowak

AS A SECRET emissary of the Polish Home Army (the underground military organization during World War II), Jan Nowak secretly shuttled between war-torn Poland and the London-based Polish government-in-exile. He carried news to London of the Poles' courageous resistance against their Nazi occupiers, and orders from his government's leaders back to Warsaw. During it all, he had full access to classified documents and information of the Polish government in London, met and briefed Allied leaders Winston Churchill, Anthony Eden and others, and watched—at this center of intrigue and controversy—as the fate of his Polish homeland was decided. The following, based on his book, "Courier From Warsaw," (which has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize) is his eyewitness account—supplemented by postwar research—of the tragedy of Allied inaction and misconceptions that culminated in the delivery to the Soviets of their most coveted prize of war: Poland.

My first secret trip from Warsaw to neutral Sweden was taken at a time when Stalin had broken off relations with the Polish government in London, early in 1943. It was the public beginning of a game that would lead to the subjugation of Poland by the Soviet Union. My fifth and last journey out of Poland during the war, this time to London, ended 10 days before the Yalta Conference in February 1945. By that time, most of Poland was occupied by the Red Army and the Communist puppet government had been installed in Warsaw.

What happened to a free Poland? What could the Allies have done to keep the Soviet Union within its prewar borders? Could Churchill and Roosevelt have acted differently? When and how were the crucial decisions reached?

When I left Poland for the first time in the spring of 1943, as a stowaway on a Swedish ship, I shared the optimism of the Polish people. There was a general expectation that the Allies would invade Europe in the summer.

It was anticipated that the attack would come from two directions: in the Balkans from Italy, and in France from England.

The Russians had been pushed far away from the Polish borders by the German army. Poland had a well organized resistance movement quite capable of attacking the Nazis at the first sign of German collapse and taking over



the reins of the government.

The military exploits of the underground army, as well as the Free Polish Army, Air Force and Navy fighting at the side of Britain, were getting a lot of publicity in the BBC programs beamed to Poland.

Roosevelt and Churchill were idolized. No one doubted that Poland, as a faithful ally (which had never produced a Quisling) would share the fruits of victory over Hitler. With Nazi Germany almost defeated and Russia exhausted and weakened, the prospects for a free Poland seemed bright.

The first shock came upon my arrival in Stockholm where, for the first time I had an opportunity to read the British press. The recent Nazi discovery of mass graves of Polish officers in the forests of Katyn, near Smolensk, was making headlines. The Poles had been taken prisoner by the Soviets—in collusion with Hitler when they invaded Poland in 1939. Correspondence between the prisoners and their families in the homeland ended abruptly in the spring of 1940. There was thus strong circumstantial evidence that the crime was per-

petrated by the Russians.

The Polish government in London demanded investigations by the International Red Cross. Stalin saw in these developments an opportunity to break diplomatic relations with the Polish government in London. At the same time, a Polish Division under Soviet command was formed in the Soviet Union and the nucleus of a puppet government under the name of the Union of Polish Patriots was announced in Moscow. It all looked like the first steps toward a future satellite state.

The British reaction to these events came as a painful blow. With few exceptions, the British newspapers directed their indignation not against the suspects, but against those who demanded the truth should be established. The Poles were accused of slandering an ally and acting with blatant stupidity.

I was more concerned with the political repercussions of these comments than with their moral aspects. The Soviets could perceive them as further encouragement in their expansionist designs toward Poland.

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How The War Was Won And Poland Was Lost

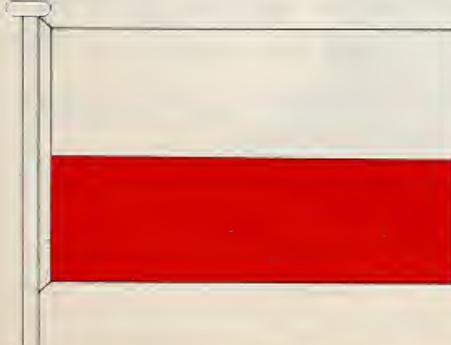
Above, near the end of the war, Soviet troops poured into the Polish resort community of Zoppot, near present-day Gdańsk on Poland's Baltic Sea coast. Unimpeded by Allied troops, the Soviets raced across Poland, seizing the nation and subjecting it to the Communist rule it defiantly struggles under to this day.

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For his daring deeds as a courier between the Polish government in exile in London and the Polish freedom fighters during WWII, the author (at right) is shown being decorated by Gen. Sosnkowski with the highest Polish military decoration, the "Virtuti Militari."



By William E. Miles

Dueling—a dying art in more ways than one—gained a new lease on life recently when two elderly Cleveland men confronted each other with pistols at five paces in an attempt to settle an old grudge.

The duelists—75- and 77-years-old—each fired six shots, but fortunately neither participant was wounded. All of the bullets missed their mark—perhaps, police speculated, because one man had to prop himself up with a cane, while the other had glaucoma.

Up to then, earlier oddball duels had generally been believed to have been laughed—or legislated—out of existence. One of the strangest in what had previously been regarded as a gentleman's "sport" took place 130 years ago this August, when two women challenged each other to the death before a crowded assemblage on a public toll bridge in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1853.

Catherine Hurley and Jane Ball, relates Robert Baldrick in his book *A History of Dueling*, "were armed with pepper-box pistols whose revolving barrels contained soft-nosed bullets fired by metal caps." The duel never materialized, however, for police stepped in and averted the almost certain slaughter, to the angry boos of the crowd gathered to watch the bloodshed.

The only other known duel between two women, according to Baldrick, was fought by two sisters near Bordeaux, France, in 1650, over a common suitor. While the loser lay bleeding on the ground, the winner walked off with the prize.

But men and women have fought their fair share of duels. One of the most famous occurred in France in 1828 when Mlle. Jacquette Rameau challenged her faithless lover to combat. When he refused to shoot, she fired at him—with no effect. He then discharged his pistol into the trees overhead and rushed into her arms. It was learned later that their seconds had loaded the weapons with powder only and had left out the bullets.

In 1886, in Twin Falls, Idaho, a husband and wife, John and Ida Gump, decided to settle a dispute over his poker losses with a pistol duel. "There were no seconds on that cold September morning," reads an old newspaper account of the incident, "but plenty of curious bystanders were there to see Mr. Gump take a bullet in the heart and die. The widow left town shortly afterward and was never heard from again."

Another duel between the two sexes occurred 94 years ago in the busy silver mining town of Aspen, Colo. For the grand opening of its palatial new opera house, the Austrian theatrical producer, Heinrich Conried, imported a troupe of 108 Viennese singers, dancers and fencers.

Devoting considerable space to the latter, the *Aspen Times* described them as "handsome young women, picturesquely attired, whose feats with foil and broadsword are marvelous." One of them who drew particular mention was Erika Jagerman, billed as Europe's top-ranking female fencer.

On opening night, Fraulein Jagerman and her fencing companions lived up to their advance billing by impressing the audience of boisterous miners with the grace and skill of their sword play. Only one member of the audience sat wooden-faced and unmoved during the performance—a Colorado architect, Theodore Rosenberg, who had been an expert swordsman in the Austrian army and who bore three scars on his cheeks as souvenirs of 22 successful duels. The scars flushed red when his friend, Conried, chided him about Fraulein Jagerman's prowess as a fencer.

"That girl could outdue you anytime," prodded the promoter, perhaps looking forward to some further publicity for his show.

"I'll wager \$500 she can't," replied Rosenberg curtly.

When word got around Aspen that Fraulein Jagerman had accepted the challenge, a group of wealthy miners put together a purse of 150 gold pieces to be awarded the winner. The duel was set for the afternoon of April 24, 1889, on the stage of the Wheeler Opera House.

In the first round, which lasted 20 minutes, Fraulein Jagerman suffered a severe wound on the right arm. During the intermission, she was bandaged by her seconds and, seven minutes into the second round, she succeeded in nicking Rosenberg on the left hip. But the architect, displaying all his dexterity as a swordsman, countered by slashing his female adversary on the right arm again—and then on the thigh.

After that, according to the account of the duel as later reported by the *Aspen Times*, "the eventual outcome was never in doubt. Fraulein Jagerman's face was a study, the nostrils widely distended. Unaccustomed to the 8,000-foot altitude, it was plain during the bout that she had trouble catching her breath."

But the contest still continued—round after round—until Fraulein Jagerman's bandages, which had been wrapped too tight, burst and spewed blood on the stage and a few of the front-row members of the audience. In the 21st round, she was finally forced to quit—with the score 17-15 against her.

Rosenberg, in the only chivalrous act of the day, refused the prize of 150 gold pieces and presented them to his beaten adversary. But the comic-opera aspect of the affair did much to put dueling into disrepute and Colorado became the first state to outlaw the practice.

Dozens of other duels, many of which





DUELING: THE DYING ART

Even "Code Duello" had its lighter moments

never materialized, have smacked more of comedy than tragedy.

Take the case of Humphrey Howarth, a British member of Parliament, who, in 1806, arrived "stark naked" for a duel with Lord Barrymore on the field of honor in Brighton. He gave as his reason for his lack of attire the fact that, as a former army surgeon, he was aware that gunshot wounds are often infected by clothing and wanted to avoid taking this chance in the event he was struck. His adversary called the sight "ridiculous" and refused to fight.

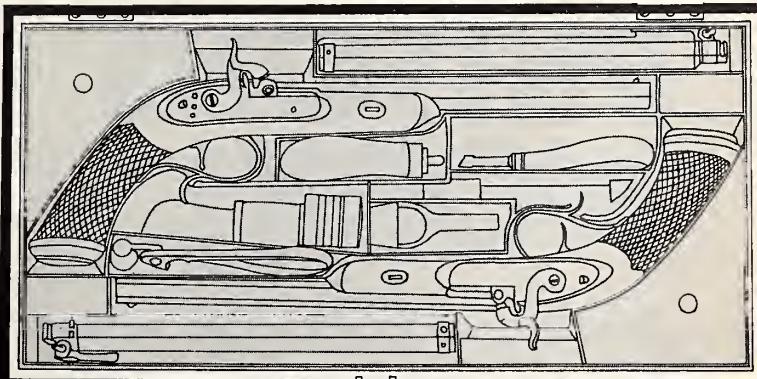
Another duel that reached no fatal conclusion took place in a grave dug deep enough to receive the bodies of both combatants—Henri d'Egville, a French Creole from Santa Domingo, and a Scots captain, Ian Stewart, who had quarreled over the words of a song at a dinner party in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1817. The "duel" ended when the two men descended into the grave and, on the order to fire, d'Egville fainted.

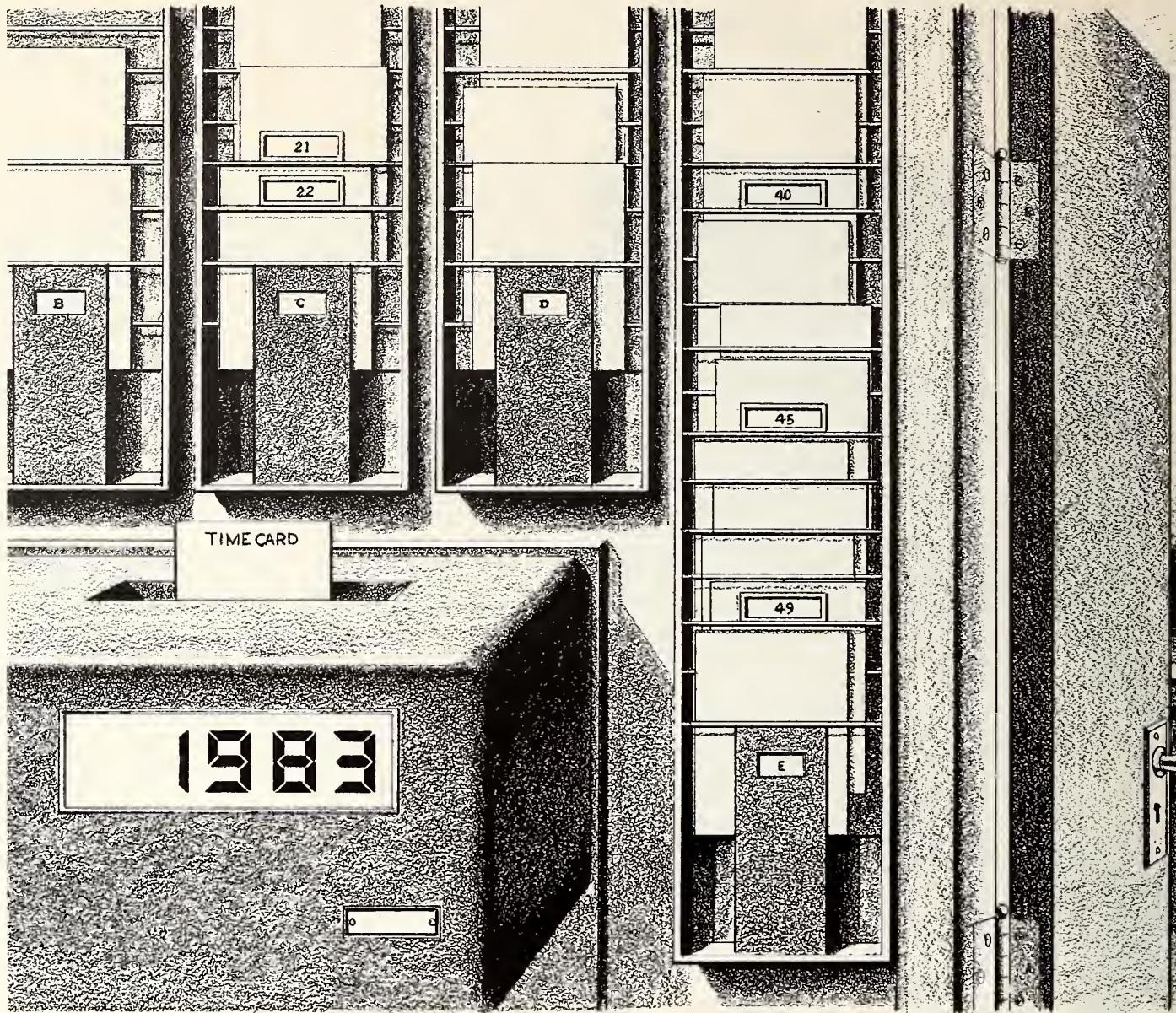
Bitter words between two political enemies, Otto von Bismarck, the German statesman, and Professor Rudolf Virchow, the world-famous pathologist, also culminated in a challenge to a duel in 1865. The scientist, permitted his choice of weapons, entered his Berlin laboratory and emerged a few minutes later with a plate containing a pair of frankfurters.

"Here are the weapons," he informed Bismarck's seconds. "They are identical in appearance, but I have injected one with a lethal amount of trichinae—the germs which cause pork-illness or trichinosis. The other sausage I have not touched. Please present this tray to Herr von Bismarck and ask him to make his selection. I will eat the other one myself. One of us will die."

The seconds departed with the tray and the message. Half an hour later, they were back at Virchow's laboratory with this reply: "Bismarck has destroyed the frankfurters and

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PUTTING PRISONS TO WORK!

**It can cost up to \$30,000 a year
to imprison a single convict—
there must be a better way**

By Jay Stuller

Americans are plainly schizophrenic on the subject of prisons. At one moment we want only to swiftly banish heinous criminals to a sordid and living hell. In another, we feel guilty for crowding too many offenders into too few cells. We want to isolate and confine those who will not live by society's rules. Yet we want those isolated places to release "reformed" and "rehabilitated" individuals, penitents able to melt peacefully back into everyday life.

During the last decade the issue of prisoner rights reached a crescendo. Fueled by riots in Attica and other penal institutions, the debates forced us to examine our prisons and, in some cases, wrought improvements in the lot of inmates. Now, however, the national view of prisons seems to have again changed. In a recent cover story, *Time* magazine concluded that prisons are no longer for rehabilitation, "but to



punish—and lock the worst away."

This assertion is not particularly startling. In fact, it's almost silly to think prisons can accomplish any more than just that—punish lawbreakers and keep the violent off the streets. We've tried to make prisons into other things and have produced either failing or uncertain results. However, one thing is certain: in 1983, the 800 or so prisons in the U.S. will reach a critical juncture.

In the last 10 years the American prison population has nearly doubled to more than 400,000 inmates. Thanks to tough, new sentencing laws, it's growing all too fast. The cost of building new cells and keeping prisoners in them is also soaring. A maximum security facility, for example, can cost from \$60,000 to \$80,000 per cell to construct, while keeping an inmate incarcerated for a year can range as high as \$30,000. Clearly, *something* must be done with our prison system, if only to cut down the expense taxpayers must bear.

That something could be a very old notion, coupled with an idea that is quite new. The first involves prison work of a nature a bit more complex and fruitful than busting rocks and making the proverbial license plates. The second recognizes that it is security that makes prisons expensive, and perhaps not that much security needs to be invested in low-risk, *non-violent* offenders, who could conceivably be "paying back their debt to society," instead of languishing behind walls. Let's first look at the idea of prison work.

In a speech to the Lincoln, Neb., Bar Association, Chief Justice of the United States Warren Burger hinted at the potential for private industry and prisons, calling for the conversion of America's prisons from "warehouses into factories with fences around them." He added that placing private enterprise in prisons will "accomplish the dual objective of training inmates in gainful occupations and taking off the backs of the American taxpayer the enormous load of maintaining the prison systems of this country."

This is indeed a lofty objective. Perhaps much too lofty, for it is nearly impossible to conceive of any prison industry—short of something terribly illegal, like printing counterfeit money—that would produce enough revenue to make an institution profitable. Moreover, the total tab for *all* penal institutions in this country, something like 4,700 of them, is more than \$4 billion a year. Still, there are some remarkable programs already under way, which suggest that the idea of an "industrial prison" is not at all far-fetched.

• A few miles from the Kansas State Penitentiary sits Zephyr Products, a metal fabrication company set up specif-

ically to employ workers from the large pool of idle prisoners. Roughly 50 inmates, who are bused to the company each day, earn between \$3.35 and \$7 an hour for their labor. From this money the prisoners pay taxes and Social Security, support families, save for the future and, quite importantly, repay the state for their room and board.

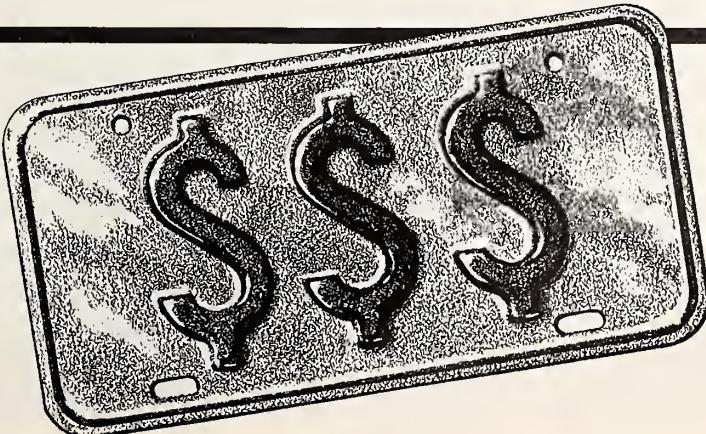
• In Minnesota, the Control Data Corporation has contracted with the state's Department of Corrections to employ up to 200 prisoners at the state prison in Stillwater. There, inmates assemble electrical and mechanical sub-components for computer disc drives. Others in the same prison work as computer programmers.

• If you were to phone the Best Western Hotel chain's toll free reservation line in the late evening, you might well be talking with a woman at an Arizona Department of Corrections prison. Best Western currently has 25 female inmates working as reservation agents.

These are but a few examples of what is going on in some U.S. prisons, the beginnings of a move to recapture part of the money prisons are costing taxpayers. Another benefit is that it provides meaningful jobs for convicts, set in as realistic a work environment as possible. And most of the efforts in this field are part of a federally funded pilot program called the Free Venture Prison Industries Program.

"Work in prison is as old as the American penitentiary itself," says Jack Schaller, president of the American Institute of Criminal Justice, a group that is administering Free Venture. "Whether through individual labor at a bench in a solitary confinement cell, or through congregate labor in brutally managed 'silent' shops, the work ethic

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Coat Of NAVY BLUE

By Bill Earls

I came out of the Navy in 1965 with a coffee habit that bordered on addiction, the belief that I was really a career civilian, a host of memories and a pea coat.

The coffee habit has stayed with me and, on a good day, I can make a gunner's mate look like a caffeine abstainer. The career civilian idea looks worse than it once did in light of doctor bills, housing costs and the fact that I will never again have 30 days vacation a year.

The memories, as memories will, grow better with each year—the girls in them more beautiful, the foreign ports more exotic and the smell of jet fuel on a flight deck more enticing. My wife doesn't think so, but I even think the stories surrounding the memories grow more fascinating, too.

And the pea coat simply grows more valuable. Not just because of what it represents—it stands for being 19 years old, that's one thing—but because of what it is.

What it is, is warm. According to my brother, who knows about such things, modern synthetics and down jackets keep people warmer than aged Navy blue anythings. Scientifically, he may be right—just because a coat weighs more than a shot-put doesn't mean it retains body heat—but he's not reckoning with history. My pea coat *feels* warm.

We reached Great Lakes for recruit training in early March when the wind coming off Lake Michigan was borrowed from Siberia, probably as part of our early trade-with-the-Soviets program.

They got our music, we got their wind.

At clothing issue time, four or five bone-chilling days into my naval career, my haberdasher, a second class boatswain's mate, told me that I'd look good in blue. He didn't say it would match my eyes. And lips.

"I always liked blue," I said. Inspired, he handed me a blue work jacket, blue dungarees, blue jumpers, blue watch cap and blue trousers. At the last, he handed me another piece of blue. "It's your pea coat," he said, dropping about 30 pounds of cloth into my arms.

"Maybe I can use it as an anchor," I told him.

"As a windbreak," he said. He was a wise old salt—26 maybe—and he knew. The pea coat was stiff and tough—it took years to soften—but when the wind came in like daggers, the pea coat stopped it from slicing into my ribs.

Thanks to the collar, my entire head was protected from a following wind. Well, almost my entire head. I was wearing a Navy issue haircut—Billiard Ball Bristle, it was called—and I almost developed frostbite of the skull.

But the rest of me was warm and when winter gave way to mud, the pea coat was put away. Packed into a seabag, it took up enough space for three uniforms and eight sets of skivvies; luck, in the Navy, was being transferred in the winter when the pea coat could be worn, unlucky was having to pack it and buy new skivvies and uniforms at the next duty station.

I got lucky and was transferred in winter. Norfolk, according to my atlas, was subtropical; it wasn't and I learned why the Southland gave birth to the

blues. More important, I learned that the pea coat was more than just a coat.

It kept me warm, of course, but it did more than that. There were two deep inside pockets into which I could fit two paperback books in case I was stuck with a long desk watch or bus ride. Other pockets held two pipes, tobacco, gloves and still left room for an apple or a small bottle of ginger brandy in case I began to cough and needed something medicinal in a hurry.

Turned inside out, the pea coat was a pillow during long waits in bus or train stations. On the long rides back to Norfolk, I used it as a blanket on whatever bus I was riding. More than once I laid it on a steel deck and thought it was a mattress—not a good one, but I was only 20 and resilient.

Hung from my rack in the barracks, it was a blackout curtain against the ever-burning light of the head. Wrapped around a package of frozen steaks on an April day that suddenly turned warm, it kept them from thawing until I could get to a friend's grill. When I folded it, it turned a stadium bench into a couch and once made a booster chair for a small boy.

And it looked good. Whites turned gray or brown in two hours of summer heat and jet exhaust; blues lost their creases; dungarees faded. But the pea coat went through snow, rain and the ignominy of being crammed into a seabag locker for months. One trip to the cleaners and it was ready for another winter.

It still is. Navy-issue dungarees gave way to civilian jeans. My dress blues went to amateur theater groups and the

white hats wound up as head protectors for people who painted ceilings.

But the pea coat is still my winter garment. I've had to re-sew the buttons—never underestimate Navy-learned skills—and I admit the lining is a bit frayed. But the collar still turns up against the wind and the pockets hold gloves, paperbacks and apples better than anything else. As before, it takes to being tossed in a corner—there are

never enough hangers—and comes up unwrinkled.

And impressionable secretaries, born about the same time that nameless BM2 dressed me for the winter, look at the faded stencil—last name, initials and service number—and say: "Your coat is monogrammed . . . how did you arrange that?"

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Ten rules for shooters that are worth reviewing

By E. S. McCawley, Jr.

All too often, the opening of hunting season coincides with the opening of the season on hunters. Each fall, groups opposed to this form of outdoor recreation intensify their campaigns against it. One favorite argument is that hunters pose almost as much danger to each other and to innocent bystanders as

they do to their quarries.

However, the facts belie this argument. An analysis of data from Pennsylvania, a state with a large number of hunters, is illustrative. In the last 20 years, the number of hunting accidents in the state has been cut in half while the number of hunters has increased by 30 percent. Statistics from other major hunting states are similar, even though

greater numbers of participants are hunting on fewer acres than was the case two decades ago.

No matter how impressive this record is, however, it isn't good enough. Even one accident, whatever the cause, spells potential tragedy for the victim and his or her family.

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wooded land, where the pace is slow and 34 km of groomed trail glistens under two feet of new powder. In the rustic lodge (built of lumber hewn from farm timber), there's a relaxed atmosphere. No sound of après ski disco music pollutes the air, no grinding of chair lifts. Weary skiers, refreshed after a session in the lakeside saunas, are sitting around the flickering fireplace waiting for the Scandinavian buffet. Talk is of rising early the next day to ski an hour before attacking pancakes smothered in farm-fresh maple syrup.

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Still, according to Lee Todd, Eastern Nordic Director for the U.S. Ski Association, only about 15 percent of all cross-country skiers use touring centers. The rest use parks, back yards or wilderness areas.

Cross-country skiing took a big jump, says Todd, when Bill Koch won a silver medal for the U.S. in the 1976 Olympics. "It had an extraordinary effect on the sport because Bill won on fiberglass skis. Fiberglass skis can be made in many different models and, especially important, it is easy to make them in 'waxless' models, allowing for easy participation in the sport." But the biggest boom, he says, began last season, "with a super-snowy winter and a drop in the economy, forcing people to turn to less expensive forms of recreation."

It's hard to discuss cross-country skiing without the subject of costs coming up. John Downing, a young skier on the high school XC racing team at South Lake Tahoe, Calif., says, "I can buy the finest pair of cross-country racing skis, good shoes, poles, maybe even my knickers, for less than one mediocre pair of downhill skis—without bindings."

So, how do you get started cross-country skiing? It's probably best not to rush into buying equipment. Rent skis, boots and poles at a shop or touring facility. Try them out. An introductory lesson (sometimes included in the rental charge) will make the learning process more enjoyable.

There are many ways of enjoying cross-country skiing, ranging from mild mannered to hairy chested. Once you get the hang of it, you can head out on easy day tours, taking a picnic lunch in your knapsack. (Don't forget to bring a foam sit-upon.) Allow plenty of time for the return trip. Many novices choose a destination that is too ambitious and

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they return to their starting point after dark, feeling cold and tired. In many areas, the U.S. Forest Service or park rangers guide groups into back country.

Dress in layers so you can shed some clothing if you start to get warm. Most people dress like Eskimos when they start out, and soon find themselves sweltering in their heavy jackets. Indeed, one of the charms of the sport is that once you get skiing, it's hard to be cold. Even people with chronic cold feet seem to stay warm once their metabolism is stirred up by the exercise.

Blue jeans may be fine for a quick jaunt around the golf course, but they can be disastrous on longer forest treks. Cotton denim absorbs and holds moisture, freezes stiff and fails to keep you warm when you need it most. Wool, on the other hand, will take moisture away from your body and allow it to evaporate, making it ideal. Woolen underwear, of course, can be devilishly itchy; try the new polypropylene longjohns.

Nordic skiing is easy to learn; it's like walking with six-foot feet. After a few hours of practice a beginner is ready to go on a tour. There is no single best way to ski. You are skiing well when you get around efficiently and comfortably—you don't have to look like a racer. Age is no barrier. At the Telemark Nordic Center at Lake Tahoe, Calif., they've put two-year-olds on skis. In Canada the oldest known skier was out making tracks at age 101.

One of the recent projects of the U.S. Ski Association has been to lure the senior set out of the parlor and into the woods. In 1980 the Senior PEP (Physical Exercise Pays) League was formed (sponsored by a grant from Travelers' Insurance Companies) to encourage Americans age 50 and older to discover the cardiovascular benefits of cross-country skiing. Lee Todd has been in charge of this program. "I do free clinics across the country to bring the sport to a quickly growing age group," he says. "People should view cross-country skiing in the same way as bicycling: as exercise you can enjoy throughout your life. It's less strenuous than alpine skiing, since you can tour on any type of land, at your own pace, though of course we want people to know their limitations. So far, our only problem has been meeting the demands of the thousands of inquiries yearly."

Another of Todd's projects is managing the Bill Koch Youth Ski League, which is aimed at introducing kids 13

and younger to the sport. "We've taught thousands of kids since 1976 and have hundreds of clubs across the country. This is a great sport and a great way to stay fit and enjoy the winter."

Inevitably, of course, the amateur undergoes a metamorphosis and becomes a seasoned pro. He's hooked on the sport, and looks forward to winter with the eagerness of a peacock in a mating dance. Then, as often happens on some backwoods excursion he finds particularly satisfying, he realizes he can't possibly reach his planned destination and still get back at a reasonable hour. His thoughts turn to the summer camping gear that's been stored away since Columbus Day and he wonders what modifications would be necessary to enable him to spend a night camping in the snow.



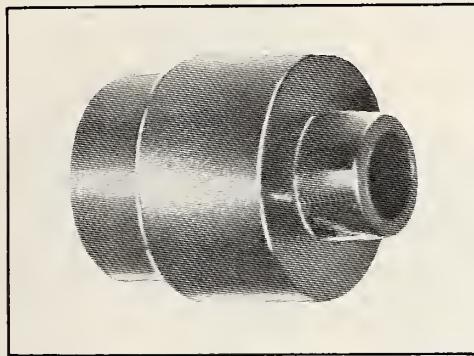
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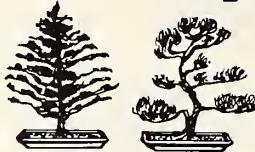


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Benjamin Franklin, while visiting France, once got into a bitter argument with a nobleman not noted for the regularity of his bathing. At the height of the quarrel, Franklin blurted: "You smell like a dead fish." The insulted nobleman insisted on a duel, but Franklin refused. "What will be gained by it?" he inquired. "If you kill me you will still smell like a dead fish. If I kill you, you'll smell worse than ever."

Another duel that never took place involved Richard Harding Davis, the famous Spanish American War correspondent, and a rival reporter for the *New York Sun*. As the challenged party in a dispute over New York City's military defenses, the reporter had his choice of weapons. The duel was laughed out of existence when he chose custard pies at six paces!

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One man even fought a duel with a dog. During the reign of King Charles V of France, a dog kept following and

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Stephen Decatur, one of this country's greatest naval heroes, was also a victim of the "Code Duello." Decatur had presided over the court-martial of Commodore Thomas Barron in 1820 after the *Chesapeake*, under Barron's command, had been seized by the British.

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Duels in those days often hinged on trivialities—fancied insults, family quarrels or arguments over petty differences of opinion. Heated words over the relative speed of two steamboats led to the death of Midshipman Francis Key, son of the author of "The Star-Spangled Banner." When a fellow midshipman disagreed with him over the speed of one of the boats, Key challenged him to a duel—and died on the dueling grounds with a pistol ball in the heart.

The United States almost lost one of its greatest future Presidents as the result of a duel over a horse race bet. The duel took place between Andrew Jackson and Charles Dickinson in 1826. Jackson, wounded in the shoulder by his opponent's first shot, managed to steady himself and return the fire accurately enough to mortally wound Dickinson.

A duel with less fatal consequences was fought between Henry Clay and John Randolph of Roanoke, the fire-eating Virginian who once challenged Daniel Webster to a duel. This time Randolph was challenged by Clay, who

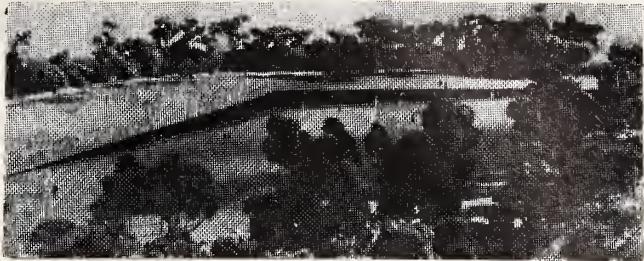
Many famous Americans died defending their manhood dueling.

claimed he had been insulted on the floor of the House. The Virginian got up from a sick bed, stood calmly by while Clay shot and missed twice, fired two shots into the air and, with honor satisfied, returned home to bed.

The infamous "Code Duello" was given its death blow after a later duel between two other hot-headed politicians, Congressman Jonathan Cilley of Maine and Congressman William J. Graves of Kentucky. Cilley, when he refused to retract an insult during a debate over slavery, had his life snuffed out by a deer rifle at 30 paces.

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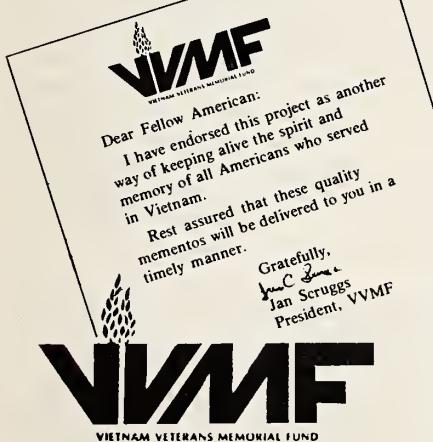
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Veterans' Update

"We'll wait and see," is the position being taken by Legion leadership over the President's announced intention to nominate Harry N. Walters to replace Robert Nimmo as Administrator of Veterans Affairs. "Time will only tell whether he will be good or bad," said Legion Washington office executive director Mylio Kraja. "We would have preferred a war veteran, and a Vietnam veteran would have been most logical . . ." Walters, a former West Point football star who saw no war service, would move over to the VA's top slot from his current job as assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs.

Natl. Cdr. Al Keller noted that while The American Legion will work with any administrator as long as he has the confidence of the President, "we reserve the right to disagree with policies put forward by the administrator when we believe such policies are not in the best interest of veterans or of the nation."

Still other jobs are shifting around on Capitol Hill as a result of the November mid-term elections. Keep an eye on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, where eight vacancies—six Republican and two Democrat—are up for grabs. Hill watchers say the Administration may view 1983 as the best time to recommend deep cuts in veterans programs since elections are two years off. Although traditionally bipartisan, the House Committee make-up will be critically important if veterans are to be sheltered from unjustified budget reductions.

And some federal jobs for veterans almost disappeared altogether, thanks to the GSA. The General Services Administration (GSA) decided they could contract out 13,000 custodian, messenger and security guard jobs to private contractors, even though 11,000 of those jobs are held by veterans, and even though those displaced veterans would not be eligible for other veterans preference jobs in the federal job bank. They almost got away with it. That is, they almost got away with it until the Legion got wind of it and alerted other veterans' organizations in town and key legislative leaders on Capitol Hill. The GSA said they were just doing what the Office of Management and Budget said they could do. Citing OMB Circular A-76—which requires these types of positions as well as other commercial and industrial service positions be contracted out to the private sector—GSA set about wiping these veterans' preference eligible jobs off their books. The problem is, as OMB has learned in the past, Circular A-76 renders the veterans' preference provisions of a 1966 federal law virtually meaningless. The House passed an amendment that, in effect, reminded OMB and GSA that no in-house circular ever supersedes the provisions of federal law. At press time, the Senate was expected to follow suit. Mark that as one more win against the foes of veterans preference in federal hiring.

The heat's on in more ways than one. With deficit projections for the current fiscal year already ballooning out of control, pressure to strip veterans programs will be great. On top of that, the new VA Administrator is going to have to

hustle to get up to speed on the job, just when VA budget hearings roll around.

The VA recently issued final state cemetery grants rules. In a nutshell: The VA can make grants to states establishing, expanding or improving veterans' cemeteries which are—or will be—owned entirely by that state. The maximum VA grant is 50 percent of the combined value of the land and the dollar value of improvements to be made at the cemetery. A state can use land it already owns and include its value in the state's portion of the funding, the remaining 50 percent.

Legion Department Leaders are being warned, you may not get invited if you don't ask for an invitation. The recently enacted Jobs Training Partnership Act vests greater involvement in and direction by state governors. The governors are going to decide who sits on councils and planning boards that will, to a great extent, determine how the state's federal funds are to be targeted. Pressure will have to be placed on your governor's office if you want to ensure adequate veteran representation on these decision making bodies.

How do you spell relief? For the dwindling number of homebuyers these days, it's "VA Home Loan." The rate slipped five times in two months, down from 16½ percent to a late-November figure of 12 percent. "It'll probably slip even more before your press date," said a refreshingly candid (but still anonymous) VA source.

Concern is growing over the VA's ability to treat female patients. Although only 2 percent of military members were women in 1975, that figure is expected to hit 12 percent by 1984, and a recent General Accounting Office report questions whether the nation's VA hospitals can handle the increased female patient load. As a result, all VA medical centers are being asked to provide information on those efforts undertaken to meet the health-care needs of women. Congress, in the meantime, is kicking around some legislation on the subject, while the VA has affirmed its intent to "monitor closely the VA's efforts to meet the health-care needs of the growing population of women veterans."

Applications for 1983 VA nursing scholarships now being accepted. The VA's now accepting applications for its Health Professional Scholarship Program for baccalaureate and master's nursing students on a pay-back-in-service basis. Recipients receive tuition, educational expenses and a monthly stipend. The payback is a minimum of two years as a full-time registered nurse in one of VA's 172 hospitals or 226 outpatient clinics. Last year, 2,000 applicants competed for 342 slots and \$6 million in scholarships. Most participants were 3rd and 4th year undergraduate nursing students. A few awards were made to master's degree candidates pursuing clinical specialties particularly needed by the VA. Applications and information are available from: VA Health Professional Scholarship Program, Office of Academic Affairs, DM&S (I4N), 810 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420.



Marching Along Together Again WELCOME HOME



Thousands of Legionnaires from across the country joined fellow Vietnam veterans in solemn tribute, shared memories and joyous celebration



"Marching Along Together Again," was the theme of the parade that preceded the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Shown at left is the Maryland contingent—one of the largest state units of Vietnam veterans to participate—as it stepped out along the parade route down Constitution Ave. The three-hour parade included more than 20,000 veterans, as well as a highly visible American Legion, with blue caps in every contingent and Department colors in most. Below, although there were thunderous cheers and applause along the entire parade route, some people brought along homemade signs to make sure the Vietnam veterans got the message. Legion information booths at major hotels throughout the city helped the visiting vets find their way around the city, passed out hundreds of pounds of literature and directed some to Legion Posts in Maryland and Virginia that were providing free lodging for those who couldn't afford Washington hotel rates.

The woman standing before the imposing expanse of polished black granite was matronly in features, composed in bearing. She stood there, this woman who appeared to be in her mid-60s, with hands clasped behind her back and expressionless eyes that roamed over the carved list of names before her. The wall's black gloss reflected the face of any and every son's mother, from time immemorial.

About five feet away, in marked contrast, sat an emaciated young man, perhaps in his early 30s. He sat yoga-style before the wall—with scraggly beard and camouflage jacket—slowly swaying back and forth. Soundless tears poured from his eyes.

Suddenly the woman's body went rigid as she reached forward and touched the ridges of one name carved in the wall. It was a touch that drained strength and composure. She began to quietly weep as her body crumpled to the ground.

The young man's rhythmic swaying stopped as he turned and looked at the woman. Wordlessly he rose, walked to her and gathered her in his arms. The

two sat in silence, their arms around one another.

On a chilly Washington, D.C., morning at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a mother found her son, a veteran found his long-dead buddy and a muted nation regained the voice of its conscience. Two strangers sat bound as one by pride, memories and relief that—at long last—America had said, "Welcome home. We're proud of our Vietnam veterans. We're proud of your service—and sacrifice."

The five-day event was billed as "The National Salute to Vietnam Veterans," and capped by the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. And so it was. But nowhere in the press releases or promotional brochures were the human scenarios mentioned; scenarios that would be repeated countless times in countless different ways around the city and would provide the most lasting memories of five special days in November:

- There was the boy from the Midwest and the boy from the South. They fought side-by-side at a forgotten outpost near *Continued...*



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Vietnam veteran Legionnaires came from all 50 states to participate in the National Salute, including above, from left, Steve Slaughter and Ken Christopher of Post 40 in Henderson, Ky. At right, the Legion's float passes in front of the Interstate Commerce Commission building at 14th and Constitution Aves. In addition to the Legion float and thousands of marching Legionnaires, a number of Departments sent along their marching bands and drill teams.

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the Cambodian border. Thirteen years later they spotted each other across the lobby at the Sheraton-Washington hotel. "Welcome home," was all they could say to each other before the tears came.

- The children of men killed or missing in action in Southeast Asia who laid baskets of roses before their fathers' names at the Memorial—and then were caught up and bear hugged by these strangers, these big, burly men in combat fatigues and berets and smiles and tears.

- The double amputee who sat in his wheelchair behind the makeshift fence facing the Memorial and chanting a litany: "Damn, I'm proud. Damn, I'm proud. Damn, . . ."

Words can't describe an emotional level so strong, so pervasive that it almost seemed palpable, capable of being touched and handled; lovingly passed back and forth among the estimated 200,000 who came to the dedication site; fueled by tears and cheers, clapping hands and slapping of backs.

A lot of people tried to describe the mood, found the task too difficult, and opted instead to just revel in it. Some found the word "catharsis"—a purifying or figurative cleansing of the emotions—came pretty close to what they felt.

Tears were joyously shed. But there



were tears of sorrow, too. At the Washington National Cathedral, a volunteer rose and read the name, "Gerald L. Aadland." The reading of that name began an around-the-clock candlelight vigil, as each of the 57,939 names of the dead and missing were read; a vigil that ended near midnight two days later with a prayer and that last name, "David L. Zwicke."

A soldier's name was read. In a nearby pew another soldier—a survivor—stood and made his way to the door. "I've finally buried him," was all he said as he descended the cathedral's steps.

The mood of the National Salute often took strange and wondrous forms. The traditional Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was a case in point. The overflow crowd, including a large portion of Vietnam veterans, watched as Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger, representing President Reagan, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns to open the ceremony. A solemn occasion, to be sure, but one that was followed by remarks from the secretary that prompted cheers from the Vietnam veterans; cheers that were wonderfully right and appropriate, coming from a crowd that had gathered to celebrate the contributions of their fallen comrades and the reawakening of a sleeping nation. It was a ceremony marked with a special aura

of hope and thanksgiving. And it was a celebration of promises long overdue from a government that had sent them into battle in the first place:

"There are few memories more painful than those memories associated with Vietnam," Weinberger said. "Yet such memories have taught us a terrible lesson: We will never again ask our soldiers to participate in a war we do not intend to win."

Nowhere was this sense of catharsis more evident than at an event most felt was about nine years overdue. The Vietnam veteran who returned home from the war—one at a time and unnoticed, quietly and without gratitude—finally got his parade. Depending on which Salute, city or Park Service official you spoke to, 20,000 to 50,000 Vietnam veterans marched down Constitution Ave., alternately cheered by an estimated 150,000 viewers and doing a lot of the cheering themselves.

It was a parade of celebration as waves of veterans, their arms linked together over their heads, shouted "Thank you America" in cadence as they moved down the street.

It was a parade of poignant irony as a band playing, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," preceded a rank of legless veterans in wheelchairs.

It was a parade of contrasts in style—combat fatigues and three-piece suits—

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The War Memorial Chapel of the Washington National Cathedral was the site of the around-the-clock, 56-hour candlelight vigil, at which the names were read of the 57,939 who died or are missing in Vietnam.





WELCOME HOME



At left, Natl. Cdr. Al Keller, Jr., is framed by Earl Elkins who "signed" each speech for the deaf in the audience. Keller was introduced by VVMF President Jan Scruggs, who praised the Legion as the largest single contributor to the Memorial, some \$1.17 million in all. Keller's speech, repeatedly interrupted by applause from the estimated 200,000 people at the dedication (shown at right), noted that, "There is a legacy left to us from the Vietnam experience, and it was left to the young who fought there to show it to us. That is the rediscovery of our capacity to care, to give and to honor. That is no small legacy for a nation to receive." Above, The American Legion booth was prominent among the three dozen displays set up at the Salute headquarters hotel during the five-day celebration.



Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of U.S. troops in Vietnam from 1964 to '68, praised the Legion for its "unwavering support of the Memorial" and noted that "The Vietnam veteran has a loyal friend in The American Legion." At left, the Memorial's polished black granite walls reflect the faces of those who sought out the names of sons, brothers and buddies.



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and of oneness in spirit.

It was a parade long overdue. The participants knew it. The onlookers knew it. That's why they shouted louder, marched more smartly and beamed more proudly. That's why the bands played their best and, it seemed, the sun knew just when to break through the clouds.

It was a parade too special to just walk away from. You saw that at the end of the parade route, near the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The marchers left the street and moved into the grassy mall, clustering in small, energetic groups, savoring the moment of a nation's ringing "Thanks" with hand shakes, whoops of joy and adrenalin-pumped chatter.

And they stayed there—two, three hours before the dedication of the Memorial was scheduled to begin—on a euphoric "high" no drug or drink could induce.

You could not walk singly through these groups and keep your own counsel. "Who were you with?" asked a

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An overflow crowd attended the traditional Veterans Day Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.



Above, Wolfman Jack, the familiar gravel-voiced disc jockey whose show was broadcast to Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, was the center of attraction at the Legion-sponsored "Music of the Era" celebration. A capacity crowd of Legionnaires and Vietnam veterans—including a group of Congressional Medal of Honor winners—listened to the popular music of the '60s and early '70s and celebrated at what was described by many as the social event of the week. As for Wolfman, to him, "it was the most important—and personally moving—experience I've ever had. I just hope it was as special for everyone in that room as it was for me." At right, Vietnam vets scan the lists of computer-generated names, military units and local addresses that were prepared from registration cards at the Salute. Besides the "mini-reunions" the lists permitted, major unit reunions—like those of the 101st Airborne Division, Special Forces and many others—were conducted throughout the city.

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Above, Wayne Newton was one of the performers at the "Entertainers Salute" that also included Jimmy Stewart, Carol Lawrence, the U.S. Army Herald Trumpets and Air Force Band, and the U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club.



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FOR LEGIONNAIRES

A Child's College Education Requires A Parent's Homework

By Dr. Herm Davis

Whatever became of those trips you and your wife didn't take or the dinners out that were foregone so your children could one day attend the college of their choice? Was it a recession or the inflation rate that ate away at those treasured college savings?

While a college degree may not be for everyone, certainly the desire to pursue a college education should not be discouraged for lack of money. The American Legion, since its inception, has had a goal to interest and assist all students in furthering their education as far as their ability will permit.

For the past 32 years, the "Need A Lift?" booklet has served as a valuable tool for students, their parents and counselors in determining the type of aid and amount that is available.

Some parents and students—assuming the worst because they didn't investigate financial aid sources—have given up on college plans. That's a mistake. Any academically qualified student shouldn't abandon the goal of even a top-ranked and top-priced school—but hope shouldn't rest there either.

The goal of a family anticipating a child's attending college should include a family financial aid resource plan to meet college costs up to and including the last semester of college.

This financial plan for the future college student should start at birth. It might include the use of your lawyer, financial planner, banker, insurance representative or another professional who could assist in the development of a written document concerning the family's investments and long-range commitments. This document would allow the family to continue its focus on future investments for college.

The plan could involve providing for a rider on a life insurance policy that would allow the family to borrow from the family policy at a low interest rate. It might also include the establishment of an educational trust fund or investment in stocks in the name of the student. A part of the plan might also include one or both parents accepting employment positions from companies that offer educational fringe benefits to employees and their family members

who wish to attend college. These benefits are often referred to as the "Tuition Assistance Plan" or TAP.

But it's not just the parents or relatives who must concern themselves with planning the child's college education. The college-bound student as well must be involved in this process. By the time the future college student is a freshman in high school he or she should be busy identifying interest goals and tentative career objectives.

Once these have been identified, the process of identifying agencies and organizations with available aid relating to these areas can begin. The research involved can be tedious, but it is a most important element in terms of long-range planning.

The college-bound student's plans should also include contact with the financial aid officer at the school of choice. No matter where the aid money comes from, most of it is awarded by the schools themselves. And asking about available dollars in advance of enrollment won't hurt the student's chances of admission.

While it is true that most aid is based on need, the family's income may only seem too high as to disqualify the student for aid when, in fact, it does not. In addition to income, need is based on many things, such as expenses, debts, retirement limitations, family size and

number of family members attending college.

The federal government spends billions of dollars on need-based student aid. The five major programs administered by the Department of Education are: Pell Grants, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (SEOG), College Work Study (CWS), the National Direct Student Loan program (NDSL) and Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL). Applications and further information on these programs are available from counselors or can be obtained from publications on financial aid. These programs often change from year to year, so keeping a close watch on them is excellent advice.

While everyone might consider himself in the needy category, you might not qualify for one reason or another. But there are other avenues to explore. These would include:

- *Direct help from the college.* A number of schools will discount tuition when more than one family member attends. Several colleges have installment payment plans, some interest free.

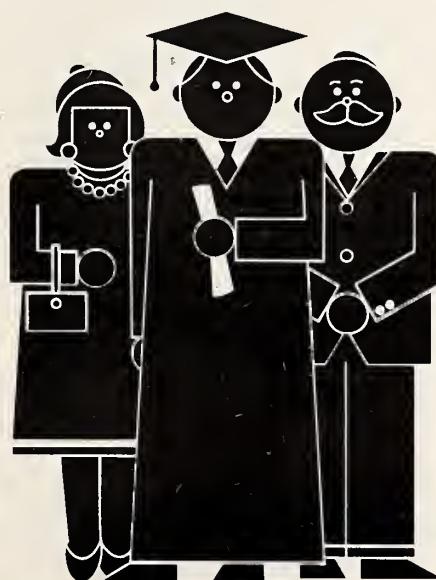
- *Private scholarships.* Aid offices may be able to suggest private scholarships for which students have competed successfully in the past. The list is endless and the important thing is to keep in constant contact with the financial aid officer.

- *Cooperative Education Programs.* These allow students to combine their academic study with a related work experience through a cooperating employment organization. The result of the experience normally allows the student to learn and earn both credits and money. (Details are available from: The National Commission for Cooperative Education, 360 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass. 02115.)

- *Military Options.* Among the cream of college scholarships are the ones awarded by the Reserve Officers Training Corps. (Details are available from the Navy Recruiting Command, 4015 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22203; Army ROTC, Fort Monroe, Va., 23651; or Air Force ROTC, Public Affairs Division, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. 36112.)

- *Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS).* These are special guaranteed insured student loans with no income requirements or prerequisites. These loans are for parents of dependent children in college as well as for graduate and independent students.

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Parents may borrow up to \$3,000 for each dependent in college. The interest rate is 12 percent and the payments commence within 60 days after the loan is disbursed, with a 5-10-year payment period.

Although the overall picture today is much better, thousands of youths in the United States still are forced to alter plans for college because of a lack of money. New scholarships, grants and loan programs are being established and now, more than ever, the importance of pursuing all possible avenues could be the difference between finding assistance or missing out on the opportunity to attend a college or university.

Dr. Davis is a nationally recognized authority on education resources and has worked as a college aid administrator for 15 years. He has also served in an advisory capacity to The American Legion's education and scholarship programs.

Further Financial Aid Information

The Student Guide: Five Federal Financial Aid Programs, 1982-83. Federal Financial Aid, Box 84, Washington, D.C. 20024 (Free)

Don't Miss Out, 1982-84. Oxtameron, P.O. Box 3437, Alexandria, Va. 22302 (\$2.50)

The College Financial Aid Emergency Kit. Sun Features, Box 368-II, Cardiff, Calif. 92007 (\$3.50)

Financial Aids For Higher Education Catalog, by Oreon Keeslar. Wm. C. Brown Co. Pubs., 2460 Kerner Blvd., Dubuque, Iowa 52001 (\$19.95)

Need A Lift? The American Legion, Emblem Sales Division, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (\$1)

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #_____. The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

USS Fond-Du-Lac (APA 166) Theodore M. Newstad is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed in the South Pacific in 1945, he injured his back while moving ammunition. Contact CID 828.

371st, Co. D, Joe L. Phillips needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Camp Ellis, IL in 1943, he fell on ice injuring his back and pelvic area. Contact CID 829.

4th Inf. Div. Michael L. Scott needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed in the Central Highlands, Vietnam in January 1971, he suffered from mental anguish, depression, headaches and was hospitalized for malaria and, in 1970, he suffered an eye

Legion-Produced Salute Program Soon Available

The Legion's National Public Relations staff has produced a 30-minute documentary, "Marching Along Together Again," covering the November "National Salute To Vietnam Veterans Week."

The program, in a variety of viewing formats, will be made available to Departments in the next few weeks. Negotiations for television and cable broadcast of the program are currently being conducted.

The program captures the emotion of the five-day Salute, the beauty of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and highlights the extensive involvement of The American Legion.

Further information on "Marching Along Together Again," is available from: National Public Relations Division, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

NALPA Looking For A Few Good Legionnaires

Seeking to create a better image of The American Legion, Auxiliary and the nation's veterans, the National American Legion Press Association (NALPA) is open to all editors, staffers, public relations and publicity officers, and those interested in promoting the Legion's image.

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NALPA will be working closely with the National Public Relations Division and seeks—like the Marines—a few good men and women dedicated to promoting the image of the organization. For complete details contact either Daniel E. Lambert, President, National American Legion Press Association, P.O. Box 900, Waterville, Maine 04901, or George W. Hooten, Secretary-Treasurer, NALPA, 2975 Catalina Drive, Decatur, Ga. 30032.

Mountain of Checks

More than 80 million checks for veterans' pension, compensation and education allowances are processed by the Veterans Administration annually.

injury when he was hit by debris. Contact CID 830.

13th Area. David J. Gonner is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA in January 1957, he injured his knee in a jeep accident. Contact CID 831.

USS Salerno Bay (CVE 1-10) Buford W. Gowen needs witnesses to verify a claim that while at sea in 1945-46, he wore an asbestos suit causing lung disorder. Contact CID 832.

VA's Q & A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your Post Service Officer, local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration (20), Washington, D.C. 20420.

Q. Will the VA treat Vietnam veterans who have health problems that they believe may have been caused by exposure to Agent Orange?

A. Yes. Under Public Law 97-72 passed last year, the VA can treat eligible veterans for certain disabilities that may have been caused by exposure to Agent Orange. Guidelines have been issued to all VA medical centers in order to implement this legislation.

Q. What is the difference between disability compensation and disability pension?

A. Compensation is paid to veterans with disability rated 10 percent or more that was incurred in or aggravated during active military service. Pension is paid to needy war veterans who are permanently and totally disabled from non-service connected causes prior to age 65 or who have reached 65.

Q. Are World War I veterans eligible for VA outpatient medical care?

A. Yes. All veterans of World War I are eligible for VA outpatient care for any medical disability while in an approved VA treatment program.

Q. What is Agent Orange and how did it get its name?

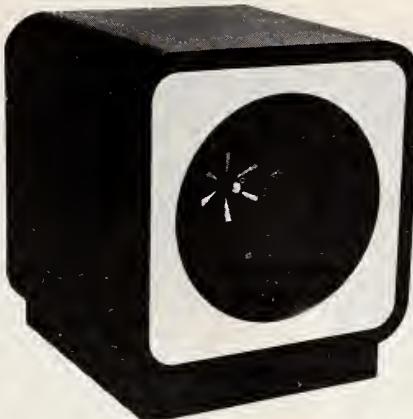
A. Agent Orange was a herbicide, or defoliant, used in Vietnam to kill unwanted vegetation and to defoliate trees to deprive enemy forces of ground cover. The herbicide was called Agent Orange because it was shipped in orange-striped barrels.

Q. I understand the VA has started charging a fee for processing home loan applications. Is this true?

A. Yes. A recently enacted law requires that a funding fee of $\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the loan amount be collected by the VA in connection with all home loans closed on or after Oct. 1, 1982. Veterans receiving VA compensation for service-connected disabilities or spouses of veterans who died in service or from a service-connected disability are exempted from these provisions of the law.

Q. I am a World War II veteran now 65 years of age. Do I automatically qualify for a VA pension?

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Prisons

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was seen as an essential ingredient in the reformation of America's criminals."

The basic idea behind Free Venture is to provide stability inside an institution—the crushing boredom of dead time is frequently what leads to prison disturbances. By involving private enterprise to set up businesses and industries, the start-up would cost states very little. And, of course, if the business is profitable and pays the inmates a decent wage, the inmates can help defray the cost of their own incarceration.

As for the rehabilitative powers of a Free Venture job . . . well, the results remain to be seen. Those Kansas convicts who are released after having had experience with Zephyr Products may well find jobs paying as much as \$10 an hour. Yet the recidivism rate of Free Venture graduates is similar to that of the general prison population. "While reforming inmates is important," says one penologist, "with Free Venture we consider that an almost incidental benefit. If you look at the history of our prisons, you'll see that just about every method tried to 'rehabilitate' failed."

One should be aware that the American prison *began* as an institution of reform, a post-American Revolution rejection of British justice, which featured branding, lashing, ear-chopping and other nefarious punishments. More than 200 crimes, many of them minor, were punishable by death. Quaker reformers believed, however, that solitary confinement, Bible study and repentance could turn the evil into good.

The Quakers also realized the value of the work ethic. "Prison officials in the early 19th century quickly became aware of the need for some kind of daily activity for their institutional population," explains Schaller. "It was seen as a way to forestall the onset of serious physical and emotional disability that was viewed as an inevitable by-product of long-term idleness. And it was necessary to offset the significant expense of boarding prisoners."

How prisons went about putting their inmates to work varied greatly from state to state and prison to prison. But in the early 1800s, there came a period where wardens were judged by their bottom line. In 1828, for example, Sing Sing claimed to be economically self-sufficient, based on its stonemasonry, blacksmithing and other convict-labor activities.

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At the same time, explains Schaller, the so-called "contract" system of prison labor developed, whereby businesses would routinely contract with the state for the services of prisoners. "The company would furnish all the raw materials and equipment necessary for the manufacture of a product," says Schaller, "and would set up shop inside the prison. Prisoners would then manufacture products for the company, which would sell the product on the open market. The state would be paid out of the company's profits. The prisoners, of course, received nothing."

In the mid-1800s, convicts were frequently "leased" out of the institution, a kind of indentured slave concept that

ers who did not have access to prison labor, but had to compete against cheaper prison products. During the Great Depression, Congress came to the aid of labor and business, passing laws that severely curtailed the right to sell prison-made goods across state lines, laws which are in force today.

As anyone who has seen old gangster films knows, prisons didn't stop making convicts work; who can forget all those memorable scenes in laundries and metal working shops? These jobs were part of what is called "state use" programs. That is, the majority of the products—or labor, as is the case with building roads, parks, breakwaters and such—were distributed only to state or affiliated political sectors, like counties

become involved in prison-based industrial operations. Early Free Venture projects, under the auspices of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, started in 1976. Three years later, Congress exempted several prison-private company ventures from interstate commerce regulations against prison-made goods.

Only private enterprise, says Jack Schaller, can make something like Free Venture work. "Corrections people aren't marketing specialists," he says. "They have little if any expertise in research and development. Business should be entrusted to people who know business." And correctional officers should be entrusted with what they do best: manage the custody and care of convicted felons.

Free Venture is also supposed to help the latter do just that. Its goals, admittedly broad, include the idea of providing a realistic work environment for convicts. "Many of these people have been unemployed or have never worked long on a job," says an official of a Colorado prison industry program. "They're not used to getting up in the morning, or getting to work on time. We like to think our program gets them into that habit."

Wages, ostensibly, are based upon work output, and productivity standards should be comparable to the outside business world. There are, moreover, hiring and firing procedures. And jobs are exclusively comprised of skills that can be used in the outside world, an enormous advantage for the released felon.

One of the best examples of how well Free Venture can work is the Zephyr Products company in Kansas, where the unarmed guard who accompanies the workers to the plant, "gets so bored he helps out on jobs." Kansas correction officials are greatly pleased with the arrangement. "I feel real comfortable with this situation, with a plant outside the prison," says Pat McManus, the Kansas Commissioner of Corrections. "It's a real corrections alternative, and gives these people a chance to earn a decent living without crime."

"You can really see the difference when they (the convicts) begin working at Zephyr," says another Kansas prison official.

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not only brought the prisons income, but lowered overhead by placing the burden of feeding and clothing the convict on the leasing party. Other forms of convict labor evolved, usually with the prison and business venture making money, and the inmate nothing.

In the early part of this century, however, a coalition against such profitable prison labor began to grow. There were those who spoke out against the slave-labor nature of such a system, but the groups that had the most impact represented organized labor and manufactur-

and cities. While such programs clearly save money states would otherwise spend on things like furniture, the productivity of the programs was—and is—low. Again, with inmates being paid nothing, or mere cents per hour, the incentive for hard work is almost nonexistent.

It was clear in the 1970s that prison work programs, such as they were, were not helping prisons or inmates. For economic, rehabilitative and system reform purposes, it was obvious that private enterprise would have to again

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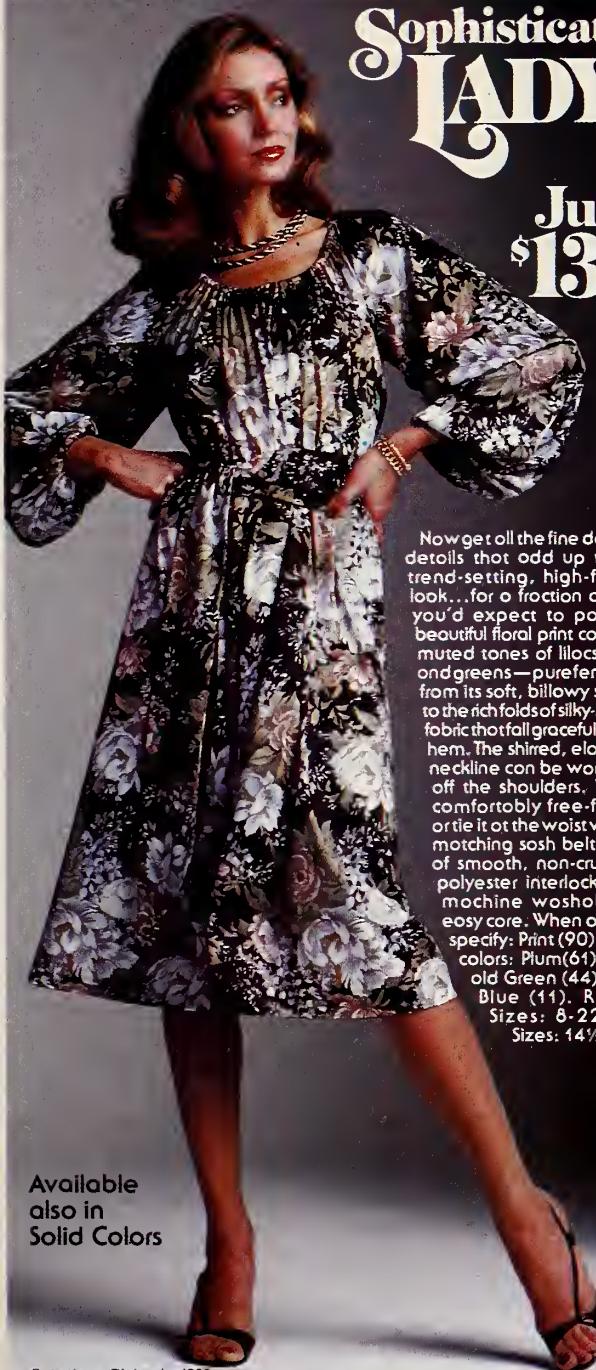
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turning it into an employer of prisoners, Fred Braun, says the productivity of inmates "is better than that of the average person on the streets. And when we train them," he adds, without intending humor, "they won't leave to make 50 cents an hour more down the street."

Clearly, the Free Venture program can help inmates who want to be helped. One computer programmer at the Stillwater, Minn., prison, is serving a sentence for kidnapping that could run until the mid-1990s. In the early years of his term he shuffled papers in an office and worried about the financial plight of his disabled wife. Now, with his 40-hour-per-week job, he's been able to buy a \$50,000 house for his wife, and sends home enough money to cover the mortgage, taxes, electricity and telephone service.

Although some states have been resistant to such programs, others have pushed to get more going. Minnesota is one of the most advanced states, where a good third of the adult inmates are employed in relatively high-paying jobs. Says Larry Lindstrom, the state's industry development administrator, "Ideally, I can't be satisfied until we are able to offer work to any inmate who wants it."

How many prisons will enter joint ventures with private companies and how much this will cut the costs of American prisons are questions one cannot even begin to answer. Canadian prisons, though, have been using such a program for several years. Quebec's prison officials, for example, figure that if they can get their total prison population working, incarceration costs could drop by as much as 50 to 60 percent.

Of course, it doesn't *always* cost that much to keep prisoners. In Texas, prisoners are forced to work without pay. Convicts there grow 70 percent of their food, help build new prisons and cost the Lone Star State only \$3,577 a year each to keep. This kind of prisoner treatment is, however, anathema in most other states.

"Some thinkers in our field have begun to develop the concept of an industrial prison," says Jack Schaller. "It would be totally organized around work, with everyone incarcerated there expected to hold a meaningful job, either with a private sector firm or a viable and realistic state-run industry, or in a support service capacity."

While the development of such an institution must be carefully nurtured

so as not to bring opposing fire from organized labor—competing businesses should have no objection to a rival using prison labor, for wages are to be comparable to what's paid on the outside—the prospects for building an "industrial prison" improve as each Free Venture program proves itself a success. "And for at least eight hours a day," adds Schaller, "prisoners employed in industry become workers rather than inmates."

This will still not ease the great overcrowding in our prisons, which leads to the second major proposal: the culling of our prison population to only those who are violent, repeat offenders, or unwilling to go along with some lesser punishment. Since only 6 percent of the criminals commit 28 percent of the crimes, it's clear we can concentrate on a small group. And there should also be "punishments with real content that lie between nothing and prison," maintain criminologists Michael Sherman and Gordon Hawkins, who have written a book called *Imprisonment in America: Choosing the Future*.

Roughly half the felons in this country are non-violent criminals; many of those are first-timers, like income tax cheats and white collar criminals. They may have useful skills to give society, skills that would go to waste in prison. And because prison is a fearsome experience, many of the non-violent offenders would be willing to participate in non-incarcerative punishment, sticking with it if only to avoid serving hard time.

Former Nixon White House staffer Charles Colson has, after his experience in the can, become an advocate of just such prison reform. Appearing on William F. Buckley's program *Firing Line*, Colson told of working in a prison laundry along with a prominent physician who had been convicted in a stock deal. The physician, says Colson, could have been providing medical care for the poor, instead of costing the U.S. government \$17,000 a year, which in return got a rather overqualified laundryman.

Other nations, like Britain and the Scandinavian countries, have made extensive use of non-incarcerative punishments.

In Mississippi, to cite one of several, nascent U.S. examples, there are five "restitution centers," inexpensive little houses where convicted thieves live at night, leaving only during the day to work at jobs that pay off debts to victims.

The thing that makes prisons expensive is, above all, security. And for this non-violent group of prisoners, we're investing much too much in security. This point was well argued by Law Professor Ernest van den Haag, in an April 1980, article in *Corrections Magazine*. "About a third of all persons now in prison are not known habitually to engage in criminal activities," he writes. "More important, about an equal number of them surrendered voluntarily on being charged. Others were released on bail after capture and surrendered on conviction. We may safely conclude that about half the prison population is likely to obey a court order for confinement."

Although these people would have a normal desire to be free, they could be placed in productive jobs outside the prison, but without close—read, "expensive,"—supervision. At night, they would return to a low- or non-security facility. Such offenders, says van den Haag, would "prefer temporary confinement to freedom as permanent fugitives, a freedom that would impose different, but not necessarily less restrictive conditions on them than are imposed in prison." And the non-security buildings, not much different from spartan college dorms, would cost a fraction of that required to build and maintain regular prisons.

Yes, the American notion of what prisons are for has grown harder in the last few years. Frightened by violent crime, the idea of "just desserts," and toss away the damn key, have become the predominant public sentiments.

But prisons are much too expensive for us to continue locking away an additional 170 inmates a day, or at least letting those convicts fritter away time doing little or nothing. We can, indeed, put prisoners—and prisons—to work, either through "inside" industries run in conjunction with private corporations, or with low-security programs for those who can be trusted to complete their sentences at least partly on the "outside."

The tradition of productive and almost self-supporting prisons rests deeply in our history. It may be time to rekindle that in our penal institutions, only this time giving inmates a much more humane break. In fact, it is perhaps best for society to have them paying restitution, room and board and saving some money for their release.

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Commander's Message

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who doesn't know about those advantages. It is one member who sees about him a fine Post home filled with fine members, and refuses to complacently assume that it will always be so.

During the five days of the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans, I saw Legion caps everywhere I went. I saw them on the young and I saw them on the old. I saw them worn with pride by people who knew they shared, in large measure, the credit for the success of that week and the Memorial's subsequent dedication. I saw, too, in the eyes of Vietnam veterans, a new awareness of who we are and what we do. I heard, over and over, those simple comments of appreciation for our efforts that made it all worthwhile.

And I watched those Vietnam veterans join The American Legion.

The people who manned our registration and information booths around the city reported to me they were inundated with requests for information about joining. Those requests came from people who saw, firsthand, that The American Legion is, on behalf of veterans, a force to be reckoned with. They came from people who volunteered that their perceptions of our organization had been drastically altered by our unselfish demonstration of support for the Vietnam veteran; perceptions that were in error, they said, because nobody had ever taken the time to show and tell them otherwise.

I wish I could place my finger on precisely the reason why our membership figures are down so much. All I can say is, after the five days I spent in Washington, none of the excuses I've heard hold up. There is not a Legionnaire anywhere who can convince me people aren't joiners these days, or don't embrace the values that made this nation great, or can't afford any Post's annual dues.

People these days are honored to be asked, honored to join and honored to share in the tasks we have set for ourselves as Legionnaires.

Some might see our failure in recruiting members as a failure of our own spirit. I need not tell you that's the flimsiest excuse of all. For it is the strength of that collective spirit that built this organization, sustained and nurtured it, and—not incidentally—served us so well most recently in the successful completion of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

I say honor a veteran today by asking him to join The American Legion. ☺

Headquarters Seeks Legion Color Slides

National Headquarters is in the process of developing a reference color slide library and is soliciting individual donations from Legionnaires.

Particularly sought are slides that deal with Legion activities (conventions, Post installations, patriotic holidays, Boys State, Legion baseball, etc.) and Americana (historical sites and well-known scenic attractions).

Complete identification data must accompany each color slide. They are not returnable. Slide donations should be mailed to:

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Safe Sport

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don't just happen. In most cases they are caused by carelessness with or ignorance about the proper handling of firearms. From the time a hunter picks up a firearm, he becomes part of a system over which he has complete control. The only part of that system that can make a gun safe or unsafe is the individual who pulls the trigger.

The chief elements of firearm safety are set forth in 10 rules that bear repeating:

(1.) *Don't rely on a gun's safety mechanism. Treat every gun as if it were loaded and ready to fire.* The safety on any firearm is a mechanical device and not a substitute for common sense. Because safeties are not foolproof, you should never pull the trigger of any gun, whether the safety is in the "on" or "off" position, unless the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction.

(2.) *Never cross a fence, climb a tree or jump a ditch with a loaded gun.* Dropping a loaded gun could cause it to fire by accident. Thus, any time you are in a situation where this might happen, it is best to unload first.

(3.) *Never load or carry a loaded gun until you are ready to use it.* The saddest refrain ever heard is: "I didn't know the gun was loaded." The first thing you should do when you pick up any firearm is to check to see if there is a cartridge or shell in the chamber. Your gun should be unloaded until you are in the field and ready to shoot; it should be unloaded as soon as your actual hunting is finished.

(4.) *Watch your muzzle so the other person doesn't have to.* If this rule were always followed, firearms accidents would be extremely rare. Keep the muzzle pointed in the air or toward the ground, but never at anything else you don't intend to shoot.

(5.) *Keep guns and ammunition separate and in locked storage.* Firearms and ammunition hold great fascination for children. To prevent accidents in your home, keep both under lock and key in separate places. The keys should always be in the custody of a responsible adult; casual visitors or children should not be permitted to handle your firearms or ammunition except with the approval and under the supervision of an adult who is well acquainted with the rules of firearm safety.

(6.) *Don't shoot unless absolutely sure of your target and what is beyond it.* Once you pull the trigger, you can't change your mind and call the bullet back. Thus, it is vital to be sure of your

target *before* you shoot. It is equally important to be sure that there are no people, buildings or other objects behind or near your target.

(7.) *Know the range of your gun.* A 22-caliber short bullet has a range of over 1½ miles, while a big-game cartridge, such as a 30/60, can carry up to three miles. Even shotgun pellets can be dangerous out to 500 yards and rifled slugs have a range of 1/2 mile. Also remember that a bullet or shot charge can ricochet in any direction.

(8.) *Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting.* This rule is intended to protect shooters more than bystanders. Eye protection can be specialized shooting glasses or your own prescription glasses as long as they have safety lenses. Glasses guard against falling shot, clay target chips, twigs and escaping gas caused by firearm malfunctions.

Repeated exposure to the noise of discharging firearms is not only uncomfortable, it can also cause permanent hearing damage. Earmuffs or earplugs should be worn any time repeated noise of gunfire is probable.

(9.) *Always be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions. Only carry ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are using.* Any obstruction which lodges part way down the barrel of a gun could cause a barrel burst and a serious injury. Typical obstructions include mud, snow, a cleaning patch or a shotshell wad. The wrong size ammunition can also cause problems. For example, a 20-gauge shell will pass through the chamber of a 12-gauge shotgun and lodge in the barrel where it can't be seen. The shooter might then inadvertently load a 12-gauge shell behind the 20. Firing the gun under these circumstances almost always results in a burst barrel. There are also a number of examples of center fire cartridges that might chamber in a rifle of different caliber, but could result in a serious accident if fired. Carry *only* the proper ammunition for the gun you are using and always be sure to check the barrel for any obstruction *before* loading.

(10.) *Always carry handguns with the hammer down on an empty chamber.* The rules for safe handling of rifles and shotguns also apply to handguns. However, in the case of revolvers in particular, the hammer should be down on an empty chamber when the gun is being carried. Although it is not listed in the above tabulation, one of the cardinal safety rules is to know your gun. Manu-

facturers furnish instruction manuals with all new firearms. Before doing anything else when you acquire a new gun, study the manual that comes with it. Learn the gun's capacity and operating characteristics. Find out how to load and unload it, where the safety is and how it operates.

Proper care of your firearm is also a key part of safety. A sporting firearm is a mechanical device and its working parts are made of metal which can wear out or rust, thereby leading to a fatal mishap.

There was a time when it was necessary to clean guns after every use because mercuric primers and black powder were corrosive. The introduction of smokeless powders around the turn of the century solved part of the problem since they do not cause rust. Non-mercuric primers, which were developed in the mid-1920's, completed the solution since they are also non-corrosive.

However, guns still need to be cleaned periodically. This is particularly true of gas-operated models because the residues of unburned or partially burned powder can build up in the areas of the pistons or gas-venting holes, causing possible malfunctions.

Rust can still be a problem if you have been hunting or shooting in wet or damp weather or if your gun is stored in a damp or humid place. The best rule is to follow the maintenance guidelines in the manufacturer's instruction folders.

Some 30 states now have mandatory hunters safety training programs in effect and most other states offer such training on a voluntary basis. In the mandatory states, new hunters must go through formal courses in safe gun handling and hunter ethics before they can obtain hunting licenses. The courses include visual displays; lectures on sporting firearms and ammunition and how to use them safely, and responsibility in the field. In most states, instructors are members of local sportmen's organizations and are trained under the supervision of the state fish and wildlife agencies.

These are excellent programs and experts generally agree that they have played an important part in helping to reduce hunting and shooting accidents.

In the last analysis though, the key to preventing firearms accidents rests with the individual hunter or shooter. By exercising common sense and following the safety rules outlined here, you can avoid ending up as a sad statistic. ☐

Is Lower Back Pain Making You An On-Again, Off-Again Cripple?

by Eugene Griffin

Read how one man freed himself from this crippling pain.

It happened aboard a Lufthansa flight to Frankfurt, Germany where I was going for a business meeting. The plane hit an air pocket and suddenly my back "went out."

If you've ever suffered from lower back pain, you know what this can mean. In my case, the stewardess had to lead me off the plane when we landed. "This is the first time this has happened?" she asked. When I told her no, she said:

"Oh, then you should have a Prosana Belt." She then told me she had lower back trouble, too, and without the Prosana Belt, she didn't think she could hold her job. "It practically saved my life!" she went on.

I'll be sure to get one, I told her. But what I was really thinking was how could a belt that helped her—a woman about 110 pounds—help a slightly overweight guy of six feet like me? Besides, I thought, I've tried practically everything short of an operation. So I went to my hotel room, took a hot bath, several aspirin and laid down for the night hoping for the best.

Couldn't get out of bed

The next morning the pain was worse than I could ever remember. I had to roll out of bed onto my knees and crawl to a doorknob to get to my feet. Again, I took a hot bath and some aspirin, but again, it didn't do much good. If I had been back home, I would have called and canceled the meeting. But here I was in Germany and scheduled for a meeting with five other businessmen I had set up. So there was nothing I could do but go through with it.

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The pain must have been apparent the moment I walked into the room because the first man I met smiled sympathetically and said, "You look like your back is bothering you." It is, I answered. "Haven't you heard of the Prosana Belt?" he asked. I nodded yes. "And you don't have one?" he persisted. No, I said, continuing around the room, anxious only to get the meeting over with and go back home. After the meeting, the man who asked me about the Prosana Belt suggested I join him for lunch. Since he was the key man on the deal, I accepted. But instead of driving me to the restaurant, he took me first to a surgical supply store where he bought me a Prosana Belt. I had no other choice but to put it on right there, though all I



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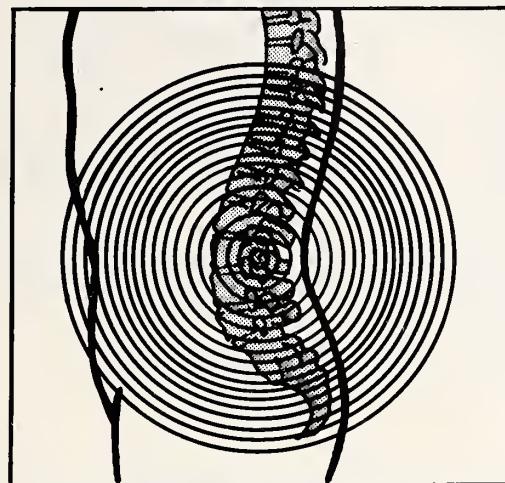
Over lunch my friend proceeded to tell me about the Prosana Belt. How it was invented by a doctor, tested and proved in hospitals and clinics; even on people so crippled with lower back pain, they had to wear steel braces! How it was, and is, used throughout Europe by tennis champions, Olympic bobsled medalists, soccer players—by all kinds of people who are constantly putting incredible strains and stresses on their backs. In fact, he concluded, its effectiveness has been so proven, its purchase is included under Germany's national health coverage plan.

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beaming vet in a faded Army shirt. "Shake my hand, I'm finally an American," said another complete stranger. "Be happy, brother," said still one more.

How far removed from the horrors of combat were these men and women. Here memories faded: the hippies spitting in the faces of returning combat veterans at the San Francisco airport; the protesters who chanted "Ho, Ho, Ho, Chi Minh, the N-L-F is going to win!" It all happened so long ago.

No "suckers" or "losers" stood before the broad expanse of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that Saturday afternoon. One could stand at the apex of the Memorial and look at a sea of faces that reflected pride, self-respect and relief—relief that, for so many—and at long last—the war in Vietnam was finally, unquestionably over.

And so it is.



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- These are most likely the last one dollar circulating coins the United States will ever issue.
- For every 75 Susan B. Anthony coins struck in 1979, the first year of minting, *only one* was minted in 1981, the third and final year of minting.
- This final 1981 minting was *never released* through banks to the public.
- Congress is now debating whether they should order the U.S. Mint to melt down the remaining Susan B. Anthony coins.
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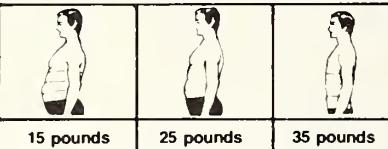
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A second great disappointment on reaching Stockholm was the discovery that the British and Americans did not plan to invade Europe before the spring of 1944. As the battle of Stalingrad turned the German advance into a slow retreat, I saw for the first time that Eastern Europe might well be "liberated" by the Red Army—and Poland would not recover her freedom.

I did carry some good news on my return to Warsaw. The Hungarians, through the Poles in Sweden, were seeking top secret contacts with the Allies. Their message: in the event of an Allied landing in the Balkans, the Hungarians were ready to go over to the Allies as Allied troops approached their frontiers. Yugoslavia was already like Afghanistan today: Germans were in control of the main centers and communication lines, but the rest of the country was in the hands of partisans. The Balkans, the soft underbelly of German-occupied Europe, seemed to be a logical target for the strike of Anglo-American troops in Italy.

Hopes of an Allied offensive through the Balkans were dashed six months later in London. I reached Britain on my second mission in December 1943, shortly after the Teheran conference between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin. In my first conversation with General Sosnkowski, the Polish Commander-in-Chief, I was told plans for an attack on the Balkans had been abandoned under pressure from Stalin. I also learned that Stalin had requested recognition of the Ribbentrop line (now named the Curzon line) as the Polish-Soviet border and that Poland should be required to have a government "friendly" to the Soviet Union.

The Western Allies' endorsement of Russia's territorial claims—land they'd taken from Poland in their 1939 invasion—and the lack of any firm resistance to the second demand, made our case look hopeless. If Stalin was allowed to determine which Polish leaders could be accepted as "friendly" by the Soviets, it would mean the end of our sovereignty and freedom.

In the following weeks, I participated in desperate attempts to convince British leaders that the Allies, in their own interest, should come out strongly in defense of Poland. The Allies had considerable means for applying pressure on the Soviets, who were dependent on Western supplies of war materiel. Without the military vehicles provided by the United States, for example, the Russians would have been unable to pursue

their advance into Europe.

These U.S. supplies were shipped to Russia by British convoys at great cost in human lives and ships. The Allies were in a position to halt or curtail the vital Lend-Lease program. In response to any such suggestions, however, it was argued—not without logic—that any conflict with Russia over Poland could undermine the alliance and jeopardize the victory over Germany—perhaps even push Russia into making a separate peace with Nazi Germany. Besides, President Roosevelt was counting heavily on Soviet help in the war with Japan once Hitler was defeated.

It was a convincing reply. Stalin knew how to exploit the Allies' fear of a separate peace. We Poles were also aware that Poland would have to pay the price of any compromise with Hitler. Even friends were constantly asking: "What can we do for you?" It was a rhetorical question, an expression of helplessness.

"If you feel that you can do nothing for us," I would reply, "then you might at least not do anything *against* us . . . You do not have to become an accomplice of Stalin in the subjugation of our nation. And you should not share his responsibility for such a crime."

It was our Allies' public endorsement of Soviet claims that was our main source of despair. I was in the House of Commons when Churchill declared his full support for the Russian annexation of Polish territories up to the Curzon line. Russia could achieve its end, the Prime Minister announced, not by sheer military strength, but with the approval and sanction of the United Nations. The British government would help her to achieve this aim and Poland would be given territorial compensation in the West.

Here was the public offer to agree in advance to Russian annexation of almost half of an Allied country's territory, even before a single Soviet soldier crossed the Polish borders. Stalin's assurance that he wanted "a strong and independent Poland" was accepted and repeated by Churchill as a pledge made in good faith. The disastrous implications of his words were obvious. Stalin had been given the green light: the way to Poland was open. He would be able to do what he wanted with no risk of conflict with the Allies.

Lord Vansittart, the great critic of appeasement in dealing with both Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Russia, told me later that the Allies had made an unforgivable mistake in dispelling in

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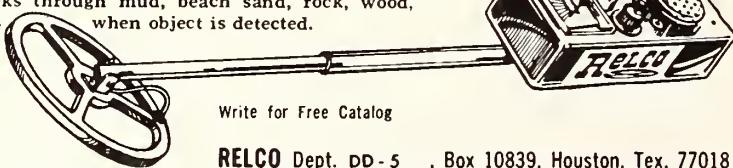
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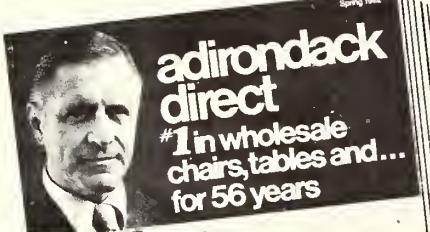
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advance any uncertainty that Stalin might have had about their attitude towards his expansionist plans.

"It is true," he said, "that we do not hold any high cards. But in politics, as in poker, you can win even with nothing in your cards, provided your opponents don't see your cards."

I returned to Poland on the eve of the Warsaw uprising in 1944, convinced that the fate of the country was sealed even before Teheran, where the Allies decided in advance upon the division of Germany into occupation zones, leaving the entire area of Eastern Europe under exclusive military control of the Soviet Union.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull explained in the fall of 1943 that each occupying power would decide how self-determination would be introduced in the liberated countries. From the experience of other nationalities of the Soviet Union, we knew only too well the meaning of self-determination Soviet style.

Not all Poles shared this view. Polish Prime Minister Mikolajczyk believed that with support of the Allies he could still save democracy in Poland. At Yalta, all three great powers had pledged the participation of democratic leaders in Poland and abroad in the postwar Polish government as well as "free, unfettered and democratic elections." On these terms, Mikolajczyk agreed to join in the new government and to lead his Peasant Party to the elections.

None of the Yalta conditions were honored by Stalin. Six weeks after the Yalta conference, 16 democratic Polish leaders were invited by the Soviet leaders for talks, arrested, taken to Moscow, tried and jailed. The elections were rigged and Mikolajczyk had to flee the country to save his life.

Could the Western Allies have enforced implementation of the Yalta agreements in the spring of 1945? Nazi Germany was already in its agony—there was no longer a danger of a separate peace. On the Eastern Front the Germans were still fighting hard, but their Western Front collapsed at the end of March 1945. Allied armies were pushing forward meeting little resistance.

But the Allies' thrust toward Berlin was diverted by Eisenhower's order, directing his armies to the south of Germany. The chance of liberating Austria was lost earlier, when Alexander's forces in Italy were dwindled for the sake of landings in the south of France.

Within weeks, U.S. troops occupied

Leipzig and crossed into Czechoslovakia. Prague was within their reach until Eisenhower, faced with Soviet protests, halted further advance. On the day of German surrender, most of what is today East Germany and western Czechoslovakia was in the hands of the Allies.

Only after the end of hostilities did Churchill realize fully the Soviet threat to Europe. He implored then-President Truman not to withdraw to occupational zones before all disputes with the Russians had been settled. The abandonment of this area, he wrote, "could place a broader gulf of territory between us and Poland, and practically end our power to influence her fate."

The new President, however, having been in office for only a month, was dependent on Roosevelt's advisors, replying that any delay in withdrawing Allied troops "would harm our relations with the Soviets." The Allied troops were withdrawn into demarcated occupational zones, and a powerful bargaining card was lost.

It did not take long for the new President to make his own decisions, however. When Stalin, in violation of the tripartite agreement, refused to withdraw troops from northern Iran and set up puppet regimes in Iranian Azarbaijan and Kurdistan, Truman faced Stalin with a firm ultimatum. And the Soviets promptly withdrew.

No similar determination was displayed when Poland, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria had been reduced to satellite states under totalitarian Communist rule, in clear violation of the Yalta Agreement.

"Soviet Russia," wrote Churchill in his memoirs, "was established in the heart of Europe. This was a fatal milestone for mankind."

But Churchill himself, as well as Roosevelt, remained responsible for Soviet perceptions of the weakness of Western democracies, which encouraged postwar expansionism on the part of the Soviet Union.

The weaknesses of democracy as perceived by the Soviets, I learned while doing postwar research, began as early as 1941, in the period following Hitler's onslaught on the Soviet Union. Stalin, who had helped trigger World War II by concluding a secret pact with Nazi Germany for the partition of Poland, was totally unprepared for the Nazi attack.

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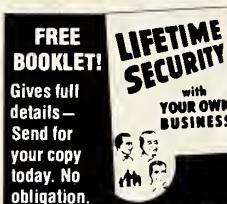


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other to the point of mutual exhaustion and the "neutral" Soviet Union would emerge as the victor and dominant world power. Hitler's invasion of Russia in June 1941 put an abrupt end to such Soviet dreams. As the German Army advanced rapidly toward Moscow, Stalin feared that Great Britain would treat Russia with the same callousness that Russia had displayed toward Britain in 1939 when the Soviets first invaded Poland. Would Britain assure the Soviet Union that the British war effort would not slacken?

At this moment, Britain would have had no difficulty in extracting from the Soviets annulment of the territorial acquisitions obtained under the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and a promise to restore the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Baltic states, Poland and Romania.

In his first message to Stalin after the Nazi attack, Churchill pledged unconditional all-out assistance. The Polish Prime Minister, General Sikorski, was denied British support when he demanded from the Soviets the restoration of Poland's pre-war borders. This refusal of Allied support was the first signal of encouragement to Soviet ambitions. But Stalin apparently still felt it was necessary to dispel the concerns of the West. On Nov. 6, 1941, he declared, "We have not and cannot have such war aims as the seizure of foreign territories, the subjugation of foreign people, whether it concerns the peoples and territories in Europe . . . or in Asia. We have not and cannot have such war aims as the forcing of our will and our regime upon the Slavonic or any other enslaved people of Europe."

Only six weeks later Stalin, in a meeting with Eden, requested from Britain a secret agreement recognizing the annexation of the Baltic states and the new borders established in the Nazi-Soviet Pact.

What had happened between November 6 and the middle of December 1941 to reverse Stalin's position so drastically? The German advance had been stopped before reaching Moscow and Leningrad. For the first time, Stalin saw a chance of victory.

Already, at this early stage, he decided to probe the Western Allies to explore any willingness on their part to compromise the values on which their war against the Nazis was based. The test was successful. After lengthy deliberations within the British War Cabinet in April 1942, Britain decided not to oppose the Soviet's territorial demands.

Stalin's perception of his Western Allies, formed at that time, clearly doomed the nations of Eastern Europe. This surrender to the Soviet Union was followed later not by Soviet concessions but, as I've described, by more demands.

Thus it was that at the end of World War II, the United States was at the peak of its military power and had a monopoly of nuclear weapons. It had sufficient leverage to enforce respect for the agreements in Yalta and Potsdam, but lacked political resolve and the readiness to accept even marginal risks.

The end of World War II brought the division of Europe and the beginning of the Cold War. In order to restore the balance of power, the United States had to leave its troops in Germany. Today, almost 40 years later, American troops are still there—facing the Red Army across the Elbe River. The generation of Americans born after World War II has to carry the heavy burden of defense against the threat posed by Soviet power and its global ambitions.

Churchill and Roosevelt had hoped that the settlement with Russia, based on the division of Europe and the world into "spheres of influence," would satisfy Soviet ambitions and secure cooperation, stability and peace in our time. It seemed logical that the Soviets would see that they would profit more by a continuation of cooperation with the Western powers than by conflict.

We know now those expectations—and that logic—were wrong. Witness the blockade of Berlin, the Korean War, the Cuban crisis and repeated attempts to destabilize regions of Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

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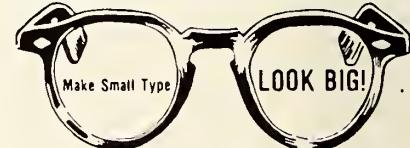
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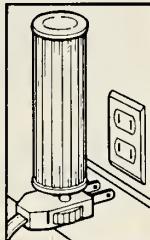
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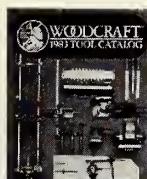


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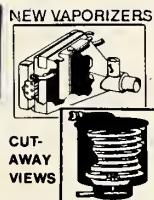
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Inside Job

Washington is disturbed by what appears to be a serious security risk. A high official reports that his left hand is somehow finding out what his right hand is doing.

—EDWARD STEVENSON

Weary father of a four-year-old to wife:
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able to communicate with him."

—ALFRED C. COLLINS

An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today.

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The psychiatrist asked the exasperated mother: "Does your son have a behavior problem?"

"I don't know . . . I've never seen him behaving," she replied.

—DANIEL W. FOWLER

You're still young if the morning after the night before still makes the night before worth the morning after.

—ETTA REIS

With all the advances in science no one has been able to explain why a child can't walk around a puddle.

—DAVID R. BECKLEY

A youngster asked, "Grandpa, were you with Noah on the ark?" The grandfather replied, "Of course not, son, why do you ask?"

"Well," the youngster responded, "then how come you didn't get drowned?"

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A teen-age girl was talking to a friend about a new pop singer she'd heard. "I know he's going to be a big star," she said confidently. "My father can't stand him."

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